

apartment which they occupied today receive instructions from Judge Hall.

Coy's defense has been that Mrs. killed herself because his attempt event her.

Judgments in the case were completed Tuesday, but the court decided to have the jury deliberate over night.

If the jury decide to acquit McBeath still would face several other elements charging robbery and attempted murder which grew out of a fight and shooting orgy in the Morgue shop this morning after Mrs. died of a bullet wound.

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FUNERALS

high funeral mass was celebrated by Rev. P. M. Gernain, O.M.I., son of the deceased, assisted by Rev. Louis Ducharme, O.M.I., and Rev. Joseph Ducharme, O.M.I., of Coleraine, N. H., as deacon and sub-deacon. Attending the mass were Very Rev. Eugene Turcotte, O.M.I., of St. Louis, Richard, assistant pastor of St. Mary's, O.M.I., Rev. Emile LeBlond, O.M.I., Rev. Charles Denzot, O.M.I., of Montreal, Denis J. Donat, Rev. Aurelien O.M.I., Rev. O.M.I. Reuss, Grassard, O.M.I., Rev. Donat Morissette, O.M.I. and Rev. Arthur St. Cyr, O.M.I., the delegation, Coleraine, N. H., and also Nuns of this city. The choir, the Grey Gown, under the direction of Mr. H. E. Nolet, rendered. At the offertory the Gregorian chant rendered Leysbach, the Jean, and tendered O Morituri, Stella LaRosew. Other soloists were Mrs. Langel and Adolphe Payette, Napoleon Melot and Adolphe Payette. The requiem Mass was celebrated by Rev. Eugene Longval, Jules Blanchet and Amable Albert, Rev. Bennett, Arthur Bennett and

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 26.—A drastic quarantine to prevent the spread of the prevalent fowl pest in Rhode Island shortly will be put into effect in this state, by Dr. Herbert M. Smith of the Providence office of the United States bureau of animal industry. Dr. Smith says that already the mysterious disease has killed thousands of hens, turkeys and ducks in this state. No fowl suffering from the plague shall be shipped into Rhode Island, from other states, nor shall fowl infected with the disease be transported from this into another state, while in the state. No fowl in affected areas can be shipped into another part of Rhode Island.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—Four for the safety of Lieutenant Oakley G. Kelley and Lieutenant H. C. Miller, who left Vancouver barracks, Wash., yesterday at 1 o'clock to fly to San Francisco, was expressed today. They had not reached here up to 9 a. m. They were last seen over Redding, Cal., at 4:30 p. m. yesterday.

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FUNERAL NOTICES

MULLIN—Died in this city, John Mullin. Funeral will take place on Saturday morning at 9 o'clock from his late home, 76 Moore street. Solemn high mass of Requiem will be sung at 10 o'clock. Burial will take place in St. Patrick's cemetery. The funeral arrangements are in charge of O'Brien.—Died in this city, Dec. 24, 1894, Mrs. Mary Ann Mulvey, nee Bridget (Dugan) O'Brien. The funeral will take place Saturday morning at 8 o'clock from her late home, 14 Abbott street. Solemn high mass will be celebrated at St. Peter's church at 9 o'clock. Burial will take place in St. Patrick's cemetery. Funeral arrangements in charge of Undertakers Hurling Bros.

MURPHY—Died in this city, Dec. 23, at 201 Middlesex street, Mrs. Julia Ann Murphy Keely. Funeral services will be held at 8 o'clock from her late home, 201 Middlesex street, Sunday morning at 2:30 o'clock. Friends invited without further notice. Burial private. Undertakers Hurling Bros.

MURPHY—Died Dec. 28, in this city, Mrs. Mary Ann Murphy, nee Margaret (Hannon) Hannon. Burial, George H. Morse, aged 62 years, four months and 19 days. Funeral services will be held at his late residence, 10 North street, Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Friends are invited without further notice. Burial private. The funeral arrangements are in charge of the undertaker George W. Healey.

MURPHY—Died in this city, Dec. 23, 1894, Edward J. Murphy, 58 St. Washington street, Edward J. Murphy, general will take place Saturday morning at 8 o'clock from the home, 58 St. Washington street. Funeral high mass will be sung at 9 o'clock. Burial will take place in St. Patrick's cemetery. The funeral arrangements in charge of Undertakers Hurling Bros. William papers please copy.

MURPHY—The funeral of Thomas Murphy will take place Saturday morning from the home of his son, Thomas, Jr., 172 Chapel street, at 9 o'clock. A funeral high mass will be held at 10 o'clock in St. Peter's church at 9:45 o'clock. Burial will be in St. Patrick's cemetery. Funeral arrangements in charge of Charles H. Gellay's Sons.

MURPHY—The funeral of Mrs. Alice McCormick, wife of Thomas F. McCormick, will take place Saturday morning from her late home, 10 St. John's street, at 8 o'clock. A funeral high mass will be celebrated at 9 o'clock. Burial will take place in St. Patrick's cemetery. Funeral arrange-

MASS NOTICE

There will be a month's mind high mass tomorrow morning at 5 o'clock at the Immaculate Conception church for the repose of the soul of Mrs. Anna Horne, nee

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FRATERNAL NEWS

A regular meeting of Lowell lodge, Loyal Order of Moose, was held Wednesday evening in Odd Fellows building with Dictator John L. Sullivan

presiding. Delegations from Lawrence, Haverhill, Beverly, Nashua and Lebanon lodges were present and there was a large attendance of local members.

The guests and speakers of the evening were Supreme Auditor Harry Jeffers, Past Dictator Burdell, Secretary LeMay and Treasurer Mortality of Nashua lodge, Sec. Rolland of Lawrence lodge, Dictator Folen of Haverhill lodge and Mrs. Mary Folen, organizer of women chapters of Mooseheart lodge. Mrs. Folen announced a meeting of the women's legion for Sunday, Jan. 4, at 2:30 p. m.

A program of entertainment was given during the evening and was followed by refreshments. A drawing contest for a turkey was won by James Drogan of Lowell lodge.

Lowell Commandery, Knights of Malta, conducted a successful party in the Lowell Malta club rooms in Middle street Wednesday evening. A \$200 sale of furniture was won by W. J. Mathur of the New-Lowell shops. The entertainment program followed: Dance, Doris Masters; song, David Albion; reading, Clara Colwell; dance, Phyllis Caslin, character impersonations, Doris Wilder, violin solo, Emil Horjes; reading, Harry W. Leavitt; Scotch song, David Dobson.

RECEIVED CASH BONDS

Harry Bass, proprietor of the United Clock & Suit Co., and the Rialto Clock & Suit store, warmed the hearts of retail employees by presenting each and every one on Christmas eve a cash bonus in token of good service. The cash gifts ranged in value from \$10 to \$150, aggregating more than \$2700.

HARRY LEIGHTON HONORED

Supt. Harry L. Leighton, of the Boston & Maine car shops in Billerica, was happily surprised last Wednesday noon by foremen, assistant foremen and piece work officials, who called upon him in a body to present him with a solid gold watch and chain. General Foreman Chauncey Mitchell was also presented with a betrie lamp and Assistant Foreman Wallace W. Brown, a smoking cabinet. The latter presentation was made at the Twombly avenue home of Mr. Brown, who is recovering from an automobile accident. The other officials received their Christmas gifts at the shops before the plant shut down, not to reopen until Monday, Jan. 5.

COMMODORE BALLROOM

"Mal" Hallett and his orchestra will be the attraction at the Commodore ballroom tomorrow night. Mal and his boys will offer a snappy program of lively dance music for the season. Hallett's team is composed of ten first-class musicians and they play the kind of music everybody likes. Dancing will be in order from 8:30 until 12. The admission is 40 cents.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

In accordance with the usual custom at the Strand theatre, Directing Manager Samuel Torgan presented to all the workers of the theatre Christmas eve a gift of gold as a token of appreciation for faithful service rendered during the year. Mr. Torgan and House Manager Harold Cummings were each presented a gift by the employees.

XMAS OBSERVANCES IN LOCAL CHURCHES

The feast of Christmas was elaborately and extensively observed in all the churches of the city with midnight services Wednesday and impressive ceremonies yesterday morning and last evening.

Decorated in festive beauty the altars of the churches and greenery interspersed with myriads of lighted candles and vigil lights presented a scene of colorful harmony.

Elaborate musical programs featured the midnight services and in several of the churches the midnight mass was followed by a low mass during which Christmas carols were sung by the choirs. In all the churches augmented vested choirs rendered appropriate hymns while in some orchestras played special music for the midnight celebration.

Yesterday low masses were in order with the last mass being a solemn high mass at which special musical programs were rendered.

Last evening and in some churches yesterday afternoon solemn vespers were

held and again the musical programs were featured.

At St. Ann's Episcopal church and St. John's church as well as in other churches Christmas eve devotions were held while yesterday specially arranged musical and devotional programs were in order. Evening services were held last night in some of the churches.

Christmas this year was most religiously observed and the sermons delivered, appropriate to the occasion were most inspiring.

LAWRENCE STREET CHURCH

Lawrence Street P. M. church members conducted their Annual Christmas exercises in the church auditorium, Wednesday evening, the program being very attractive and bringing out a large attendance. Yuletide decorations were in order and elaborate exercises commemorative of the glad day were carried out successfully under the direction of Miss Marlon Morris and Miss Irene Peal and Elizabeth Richards.

CAROL SERVICES

Carol services were featured by members of the vested choir and pupils of the Sunday school, in a Christmas eve program presented in St. John's Episcopal church. Rev. Henry Quimby, rector, conducted the services. Frank W. Davis had charge of the

musical program and Wallace Logan was organist. There was a Christmas tree celebration in the parish house for children afterward.

WILL HOLD ANNUAL LADIES' NIGHT

At the regular meeting of Club City, Wednesday evening, seventy-five boys were entertained and the Christmas tree exercises brought articles of wearing apparel, candy and fruit to the guests. Refreshments were served afterward. Those who conducted the party were Joseph B. Hollingsworth, Archibald D. Grant, Arthur Bowden, Norman R. Farnum and Oscar Grahb.

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LOWELL'S OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS DAY

In Lowell yesterday the Yuletide observance was marked with impressive manifestations of a sense of the religious significance of the anniversary and with the traditional foregathering of happy families to celebrate in the manner now an established custom. Whether in attendance upon church service or in the exchange of gifts around a heavily-laden tree, the Christmas spirit was manifest and good will to fellow men hopefully born anew, or reconstructed in anticipation of the dawn of another year.

The church services in the city were glorified by the presentation of elaborate musical programs, proclaiming the joy of the Christmas birth. Masses were held at the usual Sunday hours and record congregations attended.

As it always will be and as it always should be, yesterday was a day for children and in their joyous parents and grown-ups also found complete satisfaction. Before dawn came the youngsters were awake after a night of sweet dreams in which visions of sugar plums danced in their heads and until night drew down its curtains Santa Claus was the most talked of person in the land. To destroy this faith should be punishable with swift, sure strokes.

As has been the custom in Lowell for the past several years, the municipal observance of the anniversary took

place on Christmas eve, the beautiful Memorial Auditorium lending itself admirably to the presentation of an impressive program of carol and community singing. The attendance was not as large as in some other years, but a fine spirit touched the exercises and made them as significant as any ever held. Church choirs and soloists raised their voices in the program and the audience joined with them in the singing of the more familiar tunes associated with Christmas.

Previous to the exercises Lowell Musicians' association band gave a concert at the foot of the municipal tree outside the Auditorium, attracting many before the exercises were begun at 9 o'clock.

The municipal program opened with an organ prelude by Wilfred Korshak and Mayor Donovan expressed the compliments of the season. St. Anne's Episcopal church supplied choir sang three carols under the direction of William C. Heller and ended by presenting Mozart's Gloria from the Twelfth Mass. Master John Payne was a soloist in the beautiful "Holy Night" carol.

The First Congregational church choir and the choir of the Holy Trinity church, the former under the direction of Harry Hopkins and the latter led by Miss Stephanie Urbanek, added other carols and traditional tunes and the church band gave a spirited selection under the guidance of John J. Giblin. A solo by Andrew A. McCarthy and a group of anthems by the choir of the Swedish Lutheran church, Miss Mildred Anderson, conductor, were followed by community singing led by

HELD FIRST ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE

Through the generosity of the members and friends of the Centralville East End club, several hundred children were made happy yesterday afternoon on the occasion of the first annual Christmas tree celebration under the auspices of the fast-growing Centralville organization. President Ralph Holt enacted the role of Santa Claus, and from the large tree in Varnum park, he took gifts of candy and toys and distributed them to the children.

The Christmas tree, erected for the first time in Varnum park, was lighted Christmas eve and was one of the most inspiring holiday sights in the city. In addition to the gifts distributed at the tree, over 100 baskets of eatables were presented to worthy families in the district. This was made possible through the generous donations on the part of the business men and friends of the organization, including substantial gifts from the Centralville Fire club, and Representative Charles H. Blawie and Patrick F. Nestor.

The committee in charge of the affair consisted of Thomas P. Duffy, chairman; James Cawley, John Carroll, Frank Smith and Otto Parthol.

CELEBRATION OF JEWISH FESTIVAL

In celebration of the Jewish festival, Chanukah, an excellent concert of Jewish music was given in Liberty hall, Memorial Auditorium, last evening, attendance being large and the program pleasing all who gave their support to the offering. Leading Jewish singers of Boston appeared in the musical number presentations. Rabbi David M. Shohet of Boston spoke on religious education.

The program brought Prof. Boris Morros, pianist, composer of Boston; Rev. David Brodsky, baritone, cantor of the Congregation Beth El of Boston, who sang in Hebrew, Yiddish and English; Rev. I. G. Glickstein, lyric cantor of Temple Mishkan T'Shan of Boston, and Leon Kartavon, well known Russian opera singer.

CAROLS PLAYED IN CHURCH BELFRY

Carols were played by musicians from the belfry of the Catholic church in Chelmsford Centre, on Christmas eve. A quartet of bandmen, P. Mackay, G. Thomas, Patrick, Herman Olsen and Andrew Jorgenson, gave the program of four numbers. Chelmsford villagers later gathered in the village square and sang old-time Christmas hymns.

Groups of singers afterward went about the village, singing before the homes of the celebrators in town hall, Walter H. McMahon was chairman of the general committee handling the Christmas eve celebration. There was a community tree on the common.

ANNUAL YULETIDE PARTY

The annual Yuletide party of the League of Catholic Women will be held in Liberty hall this evening and promises to be most entertaining. The committee in charge has been working incessantly the past weeks to put things over successfully this evening and illuminations point to an evening of general enjoyment. The decoration committee has arranged the hall beautifully in the season's finery while the refreshment committee will serve a delightful collation during the intermission. Mrs. Stephen Garity, general chairman of the affair and she is assisted by several committee on arrangements comprised of members of the league.

CRESCENT HILL ASSOCIATION

The annual Christmas tree celebration by members of the Crescent Hill association, Inc., was held yesterday afternoon and about 500 children were gathered in the village square and sang old-time Christmas hymns.

GREEN RIVER MEN IN FEDERAL COURT

Representatives of the Green River Malt Co., including Charles Bloom and Edward Smith of Lowell, William Teeman of Revere and George C. Haverhill, were arraigned in federal court at Boston on Wednesday charged with selling utensils designed for the manufacture of liquor. After pleas of not guilty the case was continued for trial.

The case is in a nature of a test and relates to the sale of sugar, malt, extract, barley, corn, bottles, caps and cappers, etc. The Green River Co. operates stores in Lowell, Lynn, Lawrence and Haverhill.

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LEO MALONEY

—In—

"Ridin' Double"

"Telephone Girl"—News

NEW YEAR'S EVE

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Stanley James (Inc.) Stock
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Autographed photograph of Mr. Gerald Brown, leading man, free to every woman attending Special Matinee This Afternoon.

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—NEXT WEEK—
"OH LADY, LADY!"

CHERRY & WEBB CO.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT

Sunday school pupils of Centralville M.E. church were entertained in the vestry of the office with a Christmas party and presentation of gifts, last evening. Santa Claus appeared and the program also included the singing of hymns and the presentation of a playlet. Rev. Thomas T. Johnson, Superintendent Joseph P. Gannon and Charles Hill had charge of the general arrangements. Mrs. Gannon, May Magarlie, George Anderson, Avarie Hutchinson, Alice Whitman and James Looman appeared in the play.

BEKETTS

CHRISTMAS CROWDS
DELIGHTED WITH
A PERFECT SHOW

But 2 Days Remain For You
To See It. Get Tickets Now

COMING NEXT WEEK

Jerry and Her
Baby Grands

NEW YEAR'S EVE
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BEST EVER—AT 11.15 P. M.

3 SHOWS NEW YEAR'S
DAY—1.30, 4.30, 8 P. M.

CROWN

FRIDAY and SATURDAY

JACKIE COGAN in
"A Boy of Flanders"

LEATRICE JOY in
"CHANGING HUSBANDS"

ALBERTINI in
"THE IRON MAN"

And COMEDY

ROYAL

FRIDAY and SATURDAY

BEN ALEXANDER, EVA
NOVAK and Co-Stars in
"JEALOUS HUSBANDS"

Buck Jones
—In—
"WESTERN LUCK"

Second Episode of
"WOLVES OF THE NORTH"

O.O.O.H!

What a great show! We promised it would be, and now the Christmas Day patrons tell us it is "the finest movie show they have ever seen."

That's putting it pretty strong; all we can say is, that for teaming action, event stories, romance, love interest and speed, it is one of the best we have ever shown. It has our personal guarantee that it will satisfy young and old.

THE BILL

BEBE DANIELS

—IN—

Dangerous Money

RICHARD DIX

—IN—

MANHATTAN

Chapter 8—INTO THE NET
News—Weekly

Ask Anyone
About This Show

Of Course It Is at The
MERRIMACK SO

Man Sleeps Like Log— Eats Anything

Once in Bad Shape From Gas on Stomach

"I suffered from gas on the stomach so that I couldn't keep food down and tossed in bed all night. After taking one bottle Adlerika I can eat anything and sleep like a log." (Signed) R. C. Miller.

Intercolonial Exchange

There is now offered to the public a liquid preparation which is not only a wonderfully effective and QUICK intestinal evacuant, but which also seems to stimulate the glands of the intestinal tract and to cause expulsion of flatus (GAS). This preparation, known as Adlerika, is a valuable agent for the purpose of cleansing the bowels of matter which has been in the system a long time and which either less effective means have been unable to dislodge. It is often astonishing the great amount of matter Adlerika right after a natural movement. It sometimes brings out unsuspected quantities of additional matter. Many times it brings out matter thus relieving pressure in the abdomen. Adlerika is especially valuable when PROMPT action is necessary or to encourage the elimination of metabolic poisons through the bowel.

In slight disorders such as occasional

constipation or gas on the stomach and headache, when due to bowel inaction, a single dose of Adlerika often produces surprising and gratifying results. In cases of obstinate constipation or stomach trouble, if Adlerika does not bring relief in 24 or 36 hours the advice of a reputable physician should be secured.

Reports from Physicians

"I congratulate you on the good effect from Adlerika since I prescribed it." (Signed) Dr. L. Langlois.

"Adlerika is the best in my entire 37 years' experience." (Signed) Dr. G. Eggers.

Prescribed Adlerika with highly satisfactory results." (Signed) Dr. A. C. C. (Name given on request.)

"I can't get along without Adlerika." (Signed) Dr. W. H. Bernhart.

J. E. Puckett (a user of Adlerika) writes: After taking Adlerika, feel better than for 20 years. I haven't fainted since to express the impurities eliminated from my system."

Adlerika is a big surprise to people who have used only ordinary laxative and stomach medicine because of its effect and QUICK action. Sold in all drug stores and by leading druggists everywhere.—Adv.

MODERN SEA ROVERS \$150,000 LOSS BY FIRE

Group of Adventurous 20th Century Englishmen Plan Parlor Gilted Four-Story Building in Providence

PROVIDENCE, Dec. 26.—(By the Associated Press) Sailing over the seas in the wake of Drake and in a schooner hardly larger than that commanded by that sea rover is the feat to be attempted by a group of adventurous 20th century Englishmen.

An expedition of 14 men under the command of Captain Norman Wilkin of the Royal naval reserve will sail in the three-masted frigate "Marion" on New Year's day from Appledore, the Devonshire port where Drake weighed anchor many years ago.

Captain Wilkin will follow minutely the route of his illustrious countryman around the dangerous straits of Magellan and up the Pacific coast. He and his comrades seek to prove that adventure is not entirely confined to the screen and stage.

Hundreds of applications were received by Captain Wilkin for places on the "Marion," and he spent several weeks in choosing the best fourteen partners from the many desiring to go. With a few exceptions the crew are making the trip entirely for adventure.

WITHDRAWAL OF PRISON CHAPLAIN EXPLAINED

ATLANTA, Dec. 26.—Father Thomas P. Hayden, chaplain at the Atlanta penitentiary, was withdrawn by Bishop Keyes of Savannah, because of his connection with the grand jury investigation of graft and bribery charges against former officials of the institution, a statement received here disclosed today.

The statement of Bishop Keyes says that he had no authority to remove Father Hayden from the penitentiary. The statement also said that the bishop realized that his usefulness at the penitentiary had come to an end, therefore, withdrew his appointment as chaplain.

ARRAIGNED ON CHARGE OF MANSLAUGHTER

Ernest L. Griffin, of 1417 Gorham street, was arraigned in district court this morning on a charge of manslaughter in connection with the death of John Penny, six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Penny of Tewksbury, following an automobile accident in Tewksbury early Wednesday evening. The case was continued pending the inquest report and Griffin was released on \$2000 bail.

The accident resulting in the Penny boy's death occurred shortly after 6 o'clock on the Lowell-Boston highway at Callahan's corner, Tewksbury. The boy, with his two sisters, had been shopping in Lowell during the afternoon and started for home on the 6:45 p. m. Tewksbury car. Alighting from the car at Callahan's corner, the boy ran across the road directly into the path of Griffin's machine and the latter was unable to stop the car before it struck him.

With the assistance of Edward Downey of Westford, who was riding with him, Griffin carried the boy to his home and summoned Dr. C. H. Sanford of Tewksbury, who pronounced the boy dead upon his arrival.

Officer Anthony Kelly of the Tewksbury police force investigated the accident and came to local police headquarters with Griffin, who was booked on a manslaughter charge and released on \$2000 bail.

GET THE SUN CLASSIFIED AD HABIT

WE SURE HAD A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Every one of the thousands of loaves of bread we baked were sold. All the boys were home for their Christmas dinner, and the bakery was deserted for several hours—the ONLY day this happens in the year. But all hands were back on the job last night, and today, and tomorrow, as usual, you can still get the BEST BREAD IN THE WORLD by always asking for

20th Century Cream Bread

SPECIAL FOR SATURDAY

GLORIA SWANSON HATS \$1.50

Good quality felt in Sand, Henna, Cranberry, Copen, Black, Red and Brown.

Chalifoux's CORNER

and the Clinton Sisters, dancers. "The Family Secret," with Johnny Hines in the big role is the comedy picture.

THE STRAND

Montgomery, recognized as America's most noted screen actor, is appearing in "I Am the Man" at The Strand, during the week end. Rarely on any local screen have we seen a picture that is so highly entertaining. No effort, no technique, no subtlety, seems to be beyond the power of this actor to express. Whatever the demands of his part he fulfills it with an ability seldom seen in any of the other much-vaunted stars of the screen. Emotional and dramatic work of exceptional standard is reflected in it. An

excellent supporting cast, including Secena Owen, Guston Glass and others help the star interpret this unusual photoplay.

Baby Peggy Montgomery is starred in "The Family Secret" and once again we find this diminutive creature of the screen in a portrayal that is truly marvelous. It's wonderful to see and observe what this child accomplishes in her work in the silent drama. She's as cute as she is clever, and "The Family Secret" affords her rare opportunity to reflect her personal charm and talent forcibly. The remainder of the bill is commendable.

LOWELL'S RIALTO

If you have a friend that's a tele-

phone girl, if you are a telephone girl, or even if you are just a phone subscriber, you can't afford to miss "Daughters of the Night," which is now playing at the Rialto theatre. In this picture, the telephone girl at last comes into her own and gets the recognition that she certainly deserves. "Daughters of the Night" is a thriller from beginning to end. Leo Maloney in "Ridin' Doubt" is the added feature, while Albert Vaughn as "The Telephone Girl" and a Fox News are also included in the bill.

Santa is selling fast for the Rialto. Middlebrow on New Year's eve, which by the way will be the only girl show in town. The entire proceeds will go to the Rialto employees as an Xmas gift.

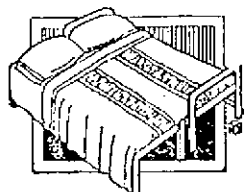
ing, you'll find it at the Merrimack Square. The program for today and tomorrow lives up to this high standard of excellence. Yesterday the house was sold out several times, so eager were holiday pleasure seekers to attend the performances. The attractions are Bela Danek in "Dangerous Money" and Richard Dix in "Manhattan." Two of the most entertaining productions of these popular stars. "Dangerous Money" is an absorbing story with romantic atmosphere, a series of vivid contrasts in modern life, possessing that elusive quality called charm. Tom Moore is Miss Danek's leading man. "Manhattan" presents Richard Dix in the role of a bored young millionaire in search of a thrill. He gets it—plenty. A comedy and the much applauded of "Into the Net" round out the bill.

BEFORE STOCK-TAKING SPECIALS FOR TODAY AND SATURDAY

For the last few days of this year we will offer to the people of Lowell the best values that we have ever been able to gather together. We do not want to inventory this merchandise during stock taking. Profits have been forgotten during this sale and it will positively end December 31st. So buy early while the stock is complete.

ATHERTON'S SANITARY BEDDING DEPARTMENT SPECIALS

CASH OR TERMS



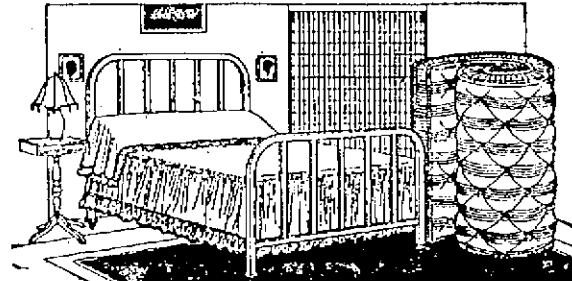
LOOK! Angle Sliding Couch Complete with double mattress, can be used single or double; \$15.00 value.

Complete \$9.98

EXTRA SPECIAL Continuous Post White Bed

2-inch frame, 1-inch filler, all sizes, \$12 value.

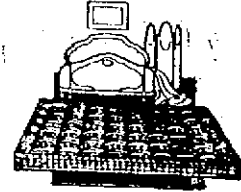
Special \$7.89



SENSATION! 3-PIECE BED OUTFIT. Complete \$32.50 Value \$19.50

Here's an offer that's nothing short of remarkable! Large size continuous post beds, sturdy link fabric springs and a roll edge mattress of real quality—all three pieces on sale at this astonishingly low price! Place your order promptly or risk being too late!

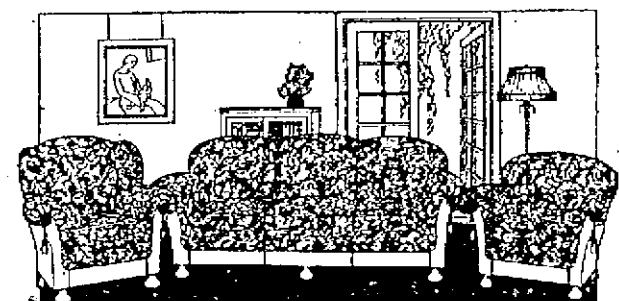
READ OVER THESE SPECIALS



Unusual Indeed—Roll Edge Mattress \$13.00 Value \$7.89

Seldom, indeed, are such splendid quality mattresses as these offered at a price so extremely low. Order yours at once as the quantity is limited.

9x12 NEPONSET ART RUGS—No Border. Special \$7.59



A Sensation! THREE PIECES IN RICH MOHAIR \$550.00 Value \$329.00

Imagine what transformation a beautiful suite like this will make in your living room. Think how it will add to the comfort of every member of the family and give them a new interest in the home. Three massive pieces as shown, upholstered in very fine "Chase" Mohair at this remarkably low price even for a sale! Convenient terms if desired.

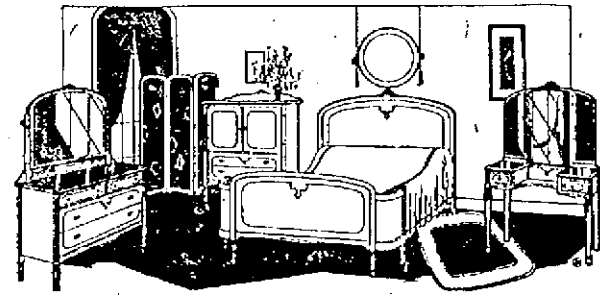
CARD TABLE

For the last few days of this year at the special price as usual—

\$1.98



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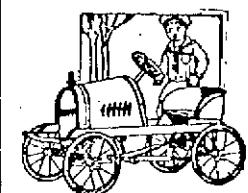
CHANCE OF A LIFETIME! 4-PIECE SUITE \$250.00 Value \$99.00

Another sensation from our big stock of bedroom furniture—the complete suite as pictured, including full size bed, large dresser, convenient chiffonette and dainty semi-vanity as shown—and the complete suite of four pieces reduced to but \$99.00! Need we urge you to act quickly?

TOY SALE

Our entire stock of Toys, Books and Games

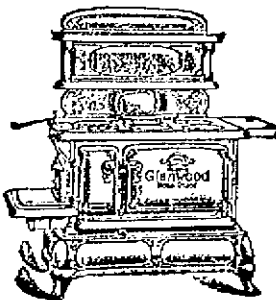
REDUCED 25 PER CENT



FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

25 % OFF

OUR ENTIRE STOCK OF HIGH GRADE FURNITURE, RUGS, BEDS AND BEDDING—FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY



Join Our Club Sale of

GLENWOOD RANGES AND PARLOR HEATERS

\$5.00 \$2.00 Down Weekly

ATHERTON'S KITCHEN DEPARTMENT SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

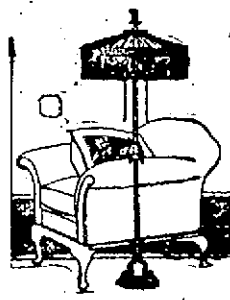
TABLE, OILCLOTH

Plain white and mosaics. Regular price 45c. Special 33c at, yard

CLOSE OUT SALE OF

Electric Lamps

\$10.44 value	\$12.49	\$35.00 value	\$22.50
\$23.00 value	\$16.49	\$30.00 value	\$19.50
\$13.00 value	\$ 9.49	\$21.00 value	\$16.49
\$40.00 value	\$25.00	\$35.00 value	\$21.49
\$25.00 value	\$18.49	\$60.00 value	\$35.00



EXTRA SPECIAL

GUARANTEED RED RUBBER BATH SPRAYS—67c \$1.00 value. Special at

4-PIECE PANTRY SETS Tea, Coffee, Sugar and Flour 79c value Special 49c

ATHERTON'S Leading Furnishers of Better Homes CHALIFOUX CORNER, LOWELL

Copper Nickel Plated 6-Cup Coffee Percolator \$1.75 value Special at 99c

Watch for the Orange Cards

A. G. POLLARD CO.

The Store for Thrifty People

Watch for the Orange Cards

The January Clearance Sales Started Today

A month of notable economies is before us—Every department of the store will be represented with inspiring reductions. Nearly every day from now on "special values" will be featured that will be more than ordinarily tempting to the frugal buyer—BANG!! "They're off."

The Annual January Clearance Sale of READY-TO-WEAR APPAREL

INCLUDING LUXURIOUS FUR TRIMMED COATS
NEW STYLED SILK AND WOOL DRESSES
CHILDREN'S AND JUNIOR GIRLS' WINTER COATS

\$110 and \$119.50

Golden Beaver and Natural Squirrel Trimmed
High Grade

Winter Coats

January Clearance Sale

\$89.90

Sized to 46

50 Fur Trimmed Coats

Formerly selling from \$79.50 to \$92.50

January Clearance Sale

\$65.00

This group of good values includes many one-of-a-kind styles. The materials are mostly the fashionable suède finish, and have collar and cuff sets of Beaver, Natural and Viatka Squirrel and Black Fox. Colors: Penny, Kaffir, Brown, Cinnamon, Grey, Black.

\$97.50

Beautiful Suede
Fabric CoatsWith sets of Beaver, Natural Squirrel,
Black Fox

January Clearance Sale

\$79.50

Sized to 48

\$34.50 and \$37.50

Satin Canton and
Charmeen Dresses

Velvet Broches and French Jacquard Dresses.

January Clearance Sale

\$24.75

A Special Group of Coats

Formerly selling from \$55.00 to \$65.00

January Clearance Sale

\$39.50 and \$49.50

Sized to 46

With full-furred sets of Australian opossum and Jap Weasel; some with extra large collars of Beaver and Natural Squirrel.

\$37.50 and \$42.50

Fur Collared and Self
Trimmed Coats

January Clearance Sale

\$24.75

All excellent values, in all the newest winter colors. One-half the lot consists of a special purchase of imported mixtures.

\$29.50

Chameen and
Lustrella DressesIn rust, rosewood, cranberry,
taupe, shutter green, navy, black,
brown.

January Clearance Sale

\$19.75

Girls' Taffeta
Dresses

Sized 8 to 14 years

Formerly selling at \$7.49
and \$9.75

January Clearance Sale

\$4.95

Colors: Navy, brown, copen,
rust.

\$14.75 and \$16.75

Botany Flannel
and Twill Dresses

January Clearance Sale

\$10.75

Sized to 44

A vast assortment of striped and plain colored flannels, in rust, cranberry, green, tan, monterey and powder blue. Poirer twills in navy, black and brown.

\$69.50

Fur Trimmed
Coats

January Clearance Sale

\$55.00

At this price we have a vast assortment of wonderful coats. Imported mixtures with Beaver collars, in sizes to 52½—also plain colors in suède and pile fabric materials.

\$22.50 and \$24.75

Girls' Winter
Coats

January Clearance Sale

\$14.75

Sized 7 to 16 years

\$14.75

Girls' Winter
Coats

January Clearance Sale

\$9.75

Sized 7 to 16 years

Dresses of higher grades, ranging in price from \$42.50 to \$59.50, have been reduced to

January Clearance Prices

This lot includes our entire stock of model silk and wool dresses.

Watch

For the
Orange Cards

\$10.75 and \$12.75

Girls' Winter Coats

January Clearance Sale

\$7.49

Sized 7 to
16 years

OUT OUR WAY



Rises From Office Clerk to General Manager



MISS MARY DILLON

BY HORTENSE SAUNDERS
NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The feminine (NEA Service Writer)
counterpart of the Alger newsboy-to-president here has been found in Brooklyn, New York. She is "Miss" Mary Dillon.

It took her just 21 years to rise from clerk in the office of the Brooklyn Borough company to general manager and vice president. She is under 40, and looks it.

"Women have discovered the possibilities of the commercial world," she says, "and they must get away from the idea it is feminine and womanly to hang back and be urged to do things," she adds.

Rebecca Mitten Name
Although she is known as Mary Dillon, she really is Mrs. Henry Farrer, after a p.m. each day. "I retain my maiden name in business because I had become very well known."

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS TREE
The annual Christmas tree party of the children of the Sunday school of St. Paul's M. E. church in Hurd street, Wednesday evening, was a huge success. Santa Claus appeared in his usual role and distributed gifts from two decorated trees. Miss Frances Scott, Miss Bernice Rugg, Miss Virginia Rugg, Leslie Gilchrist, and Miss Mabel Leslie took part in the entertainment. Miss Louise Drew was the pianist.

HAVE Water-proof shoes and dry comfortable feet in wet weather.



VISCOL softens and preserves the leather. You need no rubbers when you viscolize your shoes.

Cans 19c, 31c and 78c

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63 MARKET ST.

CHRISTMAS CHEER AT THE ORPHANAGES

The orphanages of the city were the scene yesterday of merry gatherings as the many children enjoyed the gifts left by old Kris Kringle the night before. In all the institutions, a fine Christmas dinner with all the fixings was served while during the afternoon, ice cream and sweets were disposed of to the great delight of the youngsters.

At the Ayer home an entertainment was held yesterday morning, while in the evening the children enjoyed a Christmas tree party at the Pawtucket Congregational church.

At St. Peter's orphanage the day was opened with the celebration of a birthday at which all attended in a body. Christmas cards and general sociability followed and gifts were exchanged. After a bountiful turkey dinner games were played and visitors entertained. Vesper services were attended in the late afternoon.

The O'Leary home in Hunsford square was the scene of a merry group yesterday as the children gathered about the huge Christmas tree bedecked with gifts, and received from the hands of Santa Claus, gifts of descriptions as well as candies and other sweets.

The patrons of the home were very generous this Christmas and it is due to their generosity that yesterday was celebrated as it was. Gifts were in order throughout the day and included food and articles of clothing for the children.

On Jan. 1 the home will celebrate its 23rd anniversary and it is the desire of the matron, Mrs. O'Leary, that the people will visit the children on that day especially.

LOWELL MAN BACK FROM CONVENTION

William Larkin, prominent in American Federation of Labor circles, who attended the recent national convention of that organization held in El Paso, Texas, has returned to his home, 15 Thirteenth street. He went to Texas as a delegate from the grand lodge of the International Association of Machinists and spent about seven weeks in convention work and also visiting various machinists' lodges in the Lone Star state. He also went with America's labor delegation that attended the convention of the Mexican Confederation of Labor across the border in the adjoining city of Ciudad Juarez.

Mr. Larkin reports that there is much good feeling between the Mexican and American labor union leaders and members. At the joint session, enthusiasm was strong. Four hundred delegates attended the A.F. of L. convention.

COMMUNION AT ST. ANNE'S CHURCH

One of the most impressive services of the season commemorative of the birth of Christ in the manger at Bethlehem, was the regular Christmas eve communion at St. Anne's church, held Wednesday night from 11 p. m. until 12:15 yesterday morning. When the half-hour church service ended, the ancient parish edifice was well filled with members and guests.

Special Christmas music included "Holy Night," "Oh, Come All Ye Faithful," and "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," given by more than 30 girls of the Guild of St. Cecilia, under the direction of William C. Heller. Communion was served during the service and Rev. Appleton Grannis, D.D., spoke on the true meaning of Christmas, concluding the devotions.

CHILDREN ENTERTAINED

The children of the church school of the Pawtucket Congregational church were entertained at a Christmas party yesterday afternoon when over 200 children gathered and made merry with Santa Claus. A program "December" was given by the older children in which several of the Ayer Home boys and girls participated. Gifts were distributed and sweets and favors were features of the afternoon's program.

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THE SUN

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HABIT

Chalifoux's BASEMENT SHOE DEPT.

ESTABLISHED 1875

Our New Manager's First Big

Shoe Clearance

Every Pair of Shoes and Rubbers in This First Big Clearance—Not More Than SIX WEEKS OLD—ALL FRESH MERCHANDISE—To Be Sold at the LOWEST OF ALL LOW PRICES, and Every Pair Will Be Sold With the Usual Guarantee—SATISFIED OR YOUR MONEY BACK. Don't Wonder How We Can Do It—Come Early and See How It Is Done!

4300 PAIRS OF SHOES

Will Go On Sale—At Unheard-of Prices

—BECAUSE the new policy adopted by the new manager of our Basement Shoe Dept. Makes it necessary to turn the shoe stock at least twelve times a year—to make room for the new, fresh merchandise which comes rolling in every day.

On account of the Xmas business the first monthly clearance was delayed a few weeks, but now we are ready—with all the shoes plainly marked—easy to get at—plenty of salespeople to help you select your size. You will buy 3 and 4 pairs for the price of one. So come early for best selections.

Ready Friday at 8.30!!

Women's 3 and 4-Buckle Overshoes
Mostly all perfect, a few slight seconds from high grade rubber factories. 75% of these are the much wanted Jersey tops. All Style Heels. All Sizes.

\$1.98

Every Pair Fully Guaranteed

NO SHOES RESERVED
NO TELEPHONE ORDERSEXTRA SALESMEN
EXTRA DELIVERY
SERVICEMen's Heavy
Patrol Rubbers

ONLY 125 PAIRS of these Men's Pure Gum Rubbers, seconds from the highest grade rubber mill at rec. value \$2.25. Every Sole Plain.

98c

The Greatest Shoe Opportunity

WOMEN'S

High and Low Shoes, just a little bit out of date, but all real

serviceable. Women with small feet will have a greater choice selection. A small lot of Women's Silver Pumps. All sizes in the lot.

29c

MEN'S

High and Low Shoes, narrow toes, but all high grade, mostly all narrow widths. A wonderful opportunity for men with narrow feet.

WOMEN'S

High and Low Shoes, many sample sizes, 3, 3½, 4, 4½, in this lot. All good shoes. A bargain unsurpassable. Come and get your shoes. Many good desirable shoes.

49c

MEN'S

Good high and Low Shoes, every pair Goodyear welts, many wide widths, some narrow ones, but from very high-grade factories. A SMALL LOT OF HIGH GRADE MEN'S SAMPLES.

WOMEN'S

Highest Grade of High Shoes. Mostly all Goodyear welts, in the wanted flat heels. A wonderful selection of Women's Novelty Low Shoes.

89c

CHILDREN'S

AND INFANTS' High and Low Shoes. In many combinations. A small lot of Boys' Shoes at this price. We reserve the right to limit the quantity to each customer.

MEN'S

High and Low Goodyear Welt Shoes. A wonderful lot of samples from high-grade Brockton factories. A small lot of Men's Work Shoes. Odds and ends, all sizes in lot. You'll surely buy two pairs or more.

\$1.49

WOMEN'S

Novelty Straps and Oxfords. New tan shades included. Suedes and Patent Leathers, in all the wanted flat and military heels. These are odds and ends from our stock which sold from \$1.85 to \$4.85, but all sizes. So come early for the best selections. ATTENTION, SAMPLE FEET! A wonderful lot of Women's Sample Oxfords.

CHILDREN'S and BOYS'

Slippery School Shoes, Black and Tan High Shoes, many with the Uskide soles, and all carry Rubber Heels. Some Scout Shoes. All sizes in lot.





Can you anticipate refreshing sleep?

Or, are you a victim of itching, burning skin trouble, that is maddening at night and makes you scratch and toss from side to side until exhausted?

Apply Resinol Ointment, then bandage lightly. As soon as this soothing, healing ointment touches an itching skin, the itching usually stops, the inflammation is allayed, and healing begins.

"A boon and a joy should itching annoy"

RESINOL

1000 CHILDREN GUESTS OF BROADWAY CLUB

The Broadway Social and Athletic club played host to 1000 children of the "Acres" yesterday, with Peter Brady acting as Santa Claus in the distribution of gifts to the boys and girls.

A large Christmas tree, elaborately decorated in the season's colors, bore dolls, toys, fruit, candy and other rare gifts which were generously contributed for the occasion by kind-hearted friends of the organizations. The committee in charge of the celebration consisted of James Neeson, Michael Molloy, William Furey, Daniel Conkley and John Cummings.

The annual Christmas eve celebration of the club was held Wednesday night with outdoor and indoor features. The big Christmas tree on the grounds of the club at Cross, Fletcher and Willie streets, was brilliantly illuminated. James Neeson, chairman of the committee, opened the exercises at midnight with an address of welcome to more than 300 visitors, including guests from Lawrence, Haverhill, Nashua, Malden and other cities.

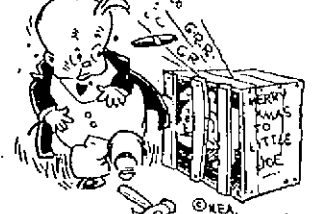
Although the electric lighting system went out of commission during the evening, the celebrators secured

candles and carried out the remainder of the program with added enthusiasm. In the club-rooms, the following program was conducted: Piano selection, Francis Redding; solo, Fred Cummings; address, William A. Walsh, president of the club; song and dance, Miss Mae Conway; vaudeville sketch, Ball and Donohue; solo, Raymond Kelly.

The program was suspended at 11:30 o'clock to allow the members to attend midnight mass at St. Patrick's church. After mass, the festivities were continued until 4 o'clock in the morning.

LITTLE JOE

ONE OF THE SURPRISES OF CHRISTMAS MORNING IS OPENING PRESENT AND FINDING IT ISN'T WHAT YOU KNEW IT WAS



LOCAL ROTARIANS PLAY SANTA CLAUS

Lowell Rotarians played Santa Claus to nearly 1900 boys at Rotary club on Dutton street, Wednesday evening. It was the biggest Yuletide celebration in honor of Lowell youth ever conducted by the members of the local fraternal organization.

Mad. Walter R. Joyce, superintendent of the boys' club, presented each boy with a bag containing candy, oranges, apples, chocolates and small toys. More needy youngsters were given stockings, caps, underwear, blouses, blankets and shoes. Leading members of the Rotary club contributed liberally to the cause. Some gifts came from persons outside of club circles.

The celebration program included the singing of carols, salute to the flag and singing of "The Star Spangled Banner" in unison. Among those who supervised the program were: Arthur C. Spaulding, president of the Rotary club; Fred C. Church, president of the boys' club; Robert W. Thompson, Allan M. Dunas, John Thomas, William N. Goodell and other members of the Rotary club.

ST. PETER'S ORPHANAGE

St. Peter's orphanage was not destitute of merriment Christmas eve when a group of entertainers in charge of Miss Elizabeth Dwyer and Miss Mary

Hornett presented an elaborate program, as follows: Carol singing; violin solo, Joseph Johnson; reading, Madeline Johnson; piano solo, Mary solo, Irene Wholey; vocal duet, Susan Green and Flora Silva; song, John Wholey; readings, Eddie Mello; duet, Eddie and Thomas Catter; Carol singing.

CHRISTMAS TREE PARTY

Members of the congregation of the Worthen Street Baptist church held their annual Christmas tree party in the church auditorium last night. Burton H. Wiggin impersonated Santa Claus with an acme of perfection. Christmas carols were sung and an informal address was made by Rev. Myron D. Fuller, pastor. Samuel E. Smith, superintendent of the Sunday school, was in charge of the celebration.

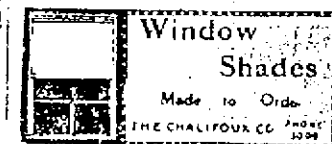
DISTRIBUTED SHOES

Lowell Humana society participated in the 1924 Christmas shoe campaign by distributing shoes to local families in need of footwear. Numerous children received useful articles of this kind from the society representatives. Agent Charles E. Richardson distributed the gifts after visiting a number of homes on a charitable tour to ascertain what might be done to bring some measure of Christmas relief to needy persons.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

A pleasant Christmas tree festival was held at the Andrews Memorial church Wednesday night. There were about 350 people present to partake of the festivities. Lester Prescott played Santa Claus and distributed gifts of every description.

en of their esteem. Mr. Perkins has been manager of the moving picture playhouse for the past month.



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Radio-Graphs

RADIO BROADCASTS

WEEI, BOSTON
 6.30 p. m.—Simphonious orchestra.
 7 p. m.—Big Brother club meet-
 ing.
 7.45 p. m.—Lady of Lourdes church
 choir.
 8.15 p. m.—Sportsman's Club, Capitan
 J. C. Reed.
 8.30 p. m.—Concert.
 9 p. m.—Same as WEEI.

WNAC, BOSTON
 6 p. m.—Children's half-hour.
 6.30 p. m.—Checker fun orchestra.
 8 p. m.—Music.

WBZ, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.
 7 p. m.—Market report.
 7.15 p. m.—Radio news.
 7.30 p. m.—Book review.
 7.45 p. m.—Appreciation, by
 Professor Stuart Mason.
 8.15 p. m.—Time signals; weather
 reports.

WGY, SCHENECTADY
 6 p. m.—Market quotations; news.
 6.30 p. m.—Children's stories.
 7 p. m.—Sunday school lesson.
 7.45 p. m.—Health talk.
 7.55 p. m.—Vocal and instrumental
 concert.
 10.30 p. m.—Music Box orchestra;
 Feeding.

WGI, MEDFORD, MASS.
 7.45 p. m.—Boston police reports;
 code practice; closing stock market
 reports.
 8 p. m.—Talk by N. H. Cowley.

WEAF, NEW YORK
 4.00 p. m.—Edith Law, soprano.
 4.10 p. m.—Joel Starner, violin.
 4.20 p. m.—Edith Law, soprano.
 4.30 p. m.—Joel Starner, violin.

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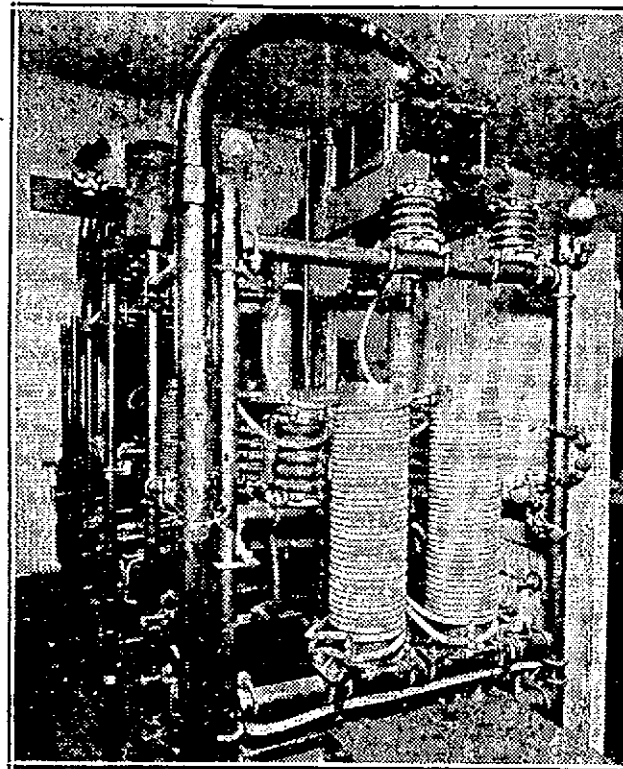


PLATE OUTSIDE THE TUBE

High-powered transmitting tubes, ranging from 5 kilowatts up to even 100 kilowatts, get so hot that even forcing air at them will not cool them. It is essential to keep the plate cool for good operation. So a water cooling system has been devised, with the plate taken completely out of the tube and cold water run around it through a rubber hose. The vacuum, however, is maintained inside the tube. Photo shows the watercooling process on high-power tubes.

WJY, NEW YORK
 7.30 p. m.—Greenwich Village Inn Orchestra.
 8.15 p. m.—G. Fitz Simons, tenor.
 8.30 p. m.—Winter Sports in Canada, T. A. Keen.
 8.45 p. m.—Alfred Wertheim, violinist.
 10.00 p. m.—Radio-The World's Schoolhouse, by Mrs. Eugene Cumisky.
 10.15 p. m.—Victrola Orchestra.

WGBS, NEW YORK
 6.00-6.30 p. m.—Uncle George.
 6.30-7.30 p. m.—Martin's Orchestra.

WIN, NEW YORK
 6.30 p. m.—Almanac Orchestra.
 7.00 p. m.—Richman's Entertainers; Elkins Orchestra.
 9.30 p. m.—Crystal Palace Orchestra.
 10.00 p. m.—Fashion talk.
 10.10 p. m.—Barrow and Divine, songs.
 10.15 p. m.—Storage Batteries, H. B. Shontz.
 10.30 p. m.—Roseland Dance Orchestra.

WGR, NEW YORK
 11.00 p. m.—Vanity Club Revue.
 11.30 p. m.—Wooding's Orchestra.
 12.00 p. m.—Symphonic Clowns Orchestra.

WCAP, WASHINGTON
 7.30 p. m.—To be announced.
 8 p. m.—Silence news.
 8.15 p. m.—To be announced.
 8.45 p. m.—W. A. Falconer, stories.
 9 p. m.—Same as WEAF.
 10 p. m.—Wardman park orchestra.

WRC, WASHINGTON
 4 p. m.—Fashion developments.
 4.10 p. m.—Eleanor Glynn, piano.
 4.20 p. m.—Beauty and Personality, Elsie Pierce.
 4.30 p. m.—Willard hotel trio.
 6 p. m.—Children's hour.

WGR, BUFFALO
 6.30 p. m.—Dinner music.
 7.30 p. m.—News.
 8 p. m.—Radio Santa Claus.
 9 p. m.—Concert.
 10.00.—Orchestra.
 11 p. m.—Supper music.

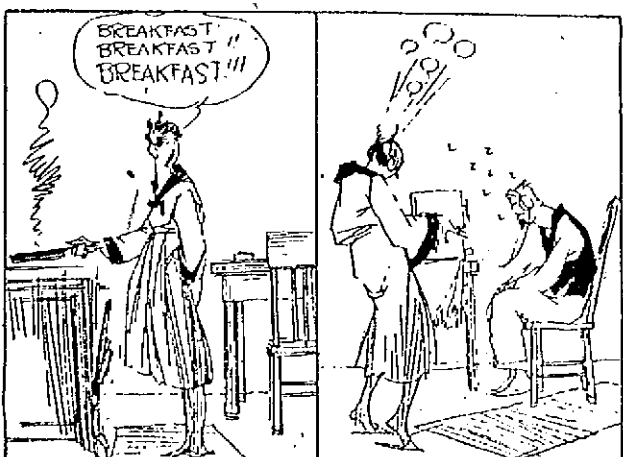
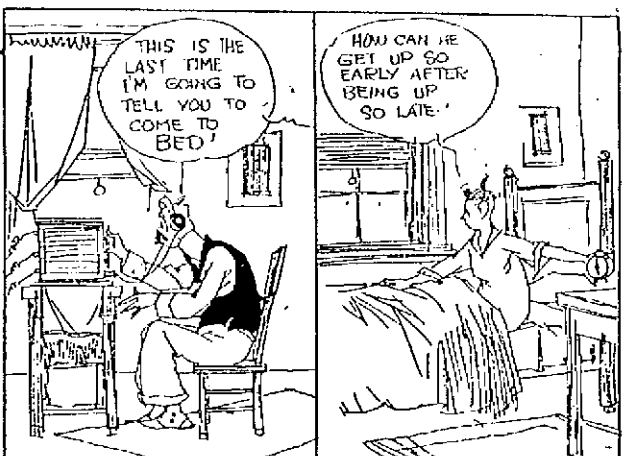
KDKA, PITTSBURGH
 6.15 p. m.—Orchestra.
 7 p. m.—Adams Male Quartet.

WJL, CHICAGO
 7 p. m.—Market summary; farm news.
 7.30-11.40 p. m.—Organ; lullaby time; farm program; drama, The Bishop's Candlesticks; songs.

WEBJ, NEW YORK
 7 p. m.—Theatrical review.
 7.10 p. m.—Eugene De Bona, songs.
 7.20-7.55 p. m.—Circle quintet.
 8.30 p. m.—Marj Green, Peter De Rose, Rita Brown, Edward Axt, banjo, violin and piano.
 8.55 p. m.—Talk, G. T. Coor.
 9.30 p. m.—Harry Harris, songs.
 9.55 p. m.—Ed Jackson, piano.
 10.30 p. m.—Wilbur and Macey, songs.

WAHG, RICHMOND HILL
 7.30 p. m.—Elizabeth Landreth, Campbell Armstrong, Grace De Klyn and Audrey Knauth, piano recital.
 8 p. m.—St. Albans trio; W. J. Neff, baritone; W. C. Morgan, piano; Gene Neapolitan, violin; Williams' five piece, vocal and instrumental selections; Chief Nantabozho, Mohawk Indian.

BUGS



Stories; songs to London accompaniment; Mrs. K. Walte, soprano.

WOR, NEWARK
 6.15 p. m.—Log Cabin orchestra.
 6.30 p. m.—Man in the Moon stories.
 7 p. m.—Log Cabin orchestra.
 7.15 p. m.—Sports returns.

WOO, PHILADELPHIA
 6.40 p. m.—Police bulletin.
 6.45 p. m.—Grand organ; trumpets.
 7.20 p. m.—Sports results; police reports; Adelphi orchestra.
 8.30 p. m.—Studio program.
 9.25 p. m.—Josephine McCulloch, soprano; N. Eddy, baritone.
 9.55 p. m.—Time signals; weather.
 10.05 p. m.—Organ recital.
 10.50 p. m.—Sylvania orchestra.

MUST BE GRADUAL, SAYS MARINE HEAD

BY ISRAEL KLEIN
 (NEA Service Radio Editor)
 BOSTON, Dec. 23.—Abolition of all ship spark sets, so troublesome to broadcast listeners, would be fine, shipping authorities agree. But—
 It is almost impossible to achieve this and not only for financial, but for practical reasons.

George S. Davis, representing the American Steamship Owners' Association and general manager of the radio telegraph department of the United Fruit company, says so. He stressed this point before the radio conference in Washington and again to the heads of all steamship organizations.

Nevertheless he has given concessions to broadcasters, in the name of the shipping interests, so that radio fans may listen in with the least possible spark interruption.

Due to present limitation, however, complete spark interference cannot be abolished, says Davis.

Costly Project

"As a practical matter," he points out, "to be compelled to junk their present spark equipment, valued at approximately \$6,000,000, and to replace it with the new continuous wave equipment calling for an expenditure of a like amount, would be a great hardship on the marine interests."

Ultimately, Davis believes, this \$12,000,000 proposal will have to be completed, and it is being undertaken gradually even now.

"I think that the owners of spark sets must look forward to the day when such equipment must be replaced by the more improved continuous wave equipment," he adds. "This equipment is now available at the same, or only a slightly increased cost over spark equipment. There is also available means for converting spark equipment into continuous wave equipment at a fairly reasonable cost."

"To fail to take advantage of these devices as fast as conditions and circumstances warrant will subject the ship owner or other owner of spark equipment, who interferes with the broadcast listener, to severe criticism from the public."

Yet Davis cites two purposes for which spark radio telegraph is indispensable under present conditions. These are for radio beacon signals and radio compass findings.

These, he says, are at present not equipped for CW transmission, and would have to be remodeled before

spark sets could be completely abolished.

"Besides," Davis adds with a concluding touch, "all marine radio personnel trained in spark telegraphy, would have to be trained over again. Although that, in itself, is hardly a serious deterrent to the replacement of spark by CW."

WHO GETS CREDIT FOR REFLEX?

Who invented the reflex principle? The name of Orin may be recalled immediately. But William H. Pries, New York radio engineer, objects.

It was he who designed the first reflex set and in fact named it, he says. Of course, Mr. Tour and others in Europe had the idea long before anyone else, but they neglected it and it wasn't made popular until only a few years ago.

Pries has been manager (and vice president in charge of engineering at the De Forest company plant. He has resigned this job to direct his own newly established company, which will soon put out a new five-tube reflex Pries has designed.

PATENTS QUERIED

Now comes a Frenchman, M. Levy, to question the patent rights of Major Edwin J. Armstrong to the super-heterodyne and super-regeneration principles. Levy declares he had these ideas and put them up long before Armstrong laid them.

ARMY RADIO NET

The army communication net includes more than 100 army-owned radio stations throughout the United States, and also has several leased lines. It has replaced to a large extent the use of the telegraph.

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1000 Yards of 85 Per Cent Linen Crash—Bleached, in remnants of 2 to 10 yards; 25c value. Special at 12 1/2c yard

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Children's Heavy Jersey Fleeced Vests and Pants—All sizes; 50c value. Special at 29c each

Boys' and Girls' Wool Hose—Black with grey heel and toe; 50c value. Special at 29c pair

30 Dozen Women's Wool Hose—Wide ribbed, black and heather; 50c value. Special at 35c pair

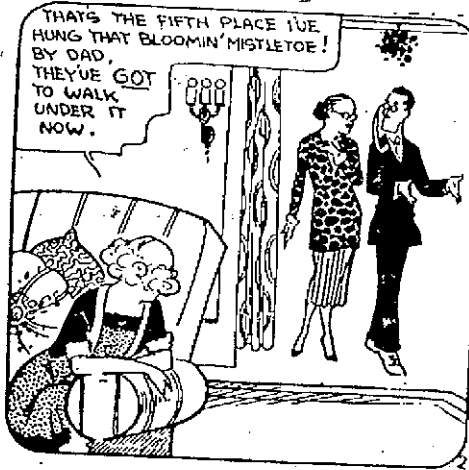
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DENIES SHE PUT POISON IN CANDY

Mrs. Hilma Ensminger, Charged With Attempted Murder, Reiterates Denial

Issues Joint Statement With Her Husband—Declares No Figs in Package

COLUMBIA, Miss., Dec. 25.—Mrs. Hilma Ensminger, charged in Ocean, N. Y., with attempted murder in connection with the illness of Miss Harriet Mosier of Ocean, alleged to have been caused by eating poisoned candy sent in a Christmas box to the son of a former wife of George E. Ensminger, in a joint statement with her husband issued through counsel reiterated her previous denial that the candy contained poison.

The statement declared that the package did not contain figs, in which traces of poison also were said to have been found by an Ocean bacteriologist.

The statement said several pieces of candy, made by Mrs. Ensminger, and other articles, were packed by her and Ensminger. They had eaten heartily of it and had left some which was put in the package.

"No figs were placed therein and the candy when leaving here was as pure as it is possible to make," the statement read.

"The present Mrs. Ensminger has never been in New York state; has never met the first Mrs. Ensminger or the child or any of the other parties involved."

Mrs. Ensminger has been notified by the authorities of the charge pending against her but has not been taken into custody. It was learned examining would not be waived should her arrest be ordered.

Chief Avails Warrant

OCEAN, N. Y., Dec. 25.—Chief of Police Dempsey today was awaiting word from Columbia, Miss., of the arrest of Mrs. Hilma Ensminger on a warrant charging attempted murder, first degree, in connection with the sending of poisoned candy through the mails. The warrant was issued here Christmas eve to Sheriff Branton when the latter wired Chief Dempsey that Mrs. Ensminger would be arrested upon receipt of "lawful authority."

Miss Harriet Mosier, 11, the only person who partook of the poisoned candy, which arrived at her home in a Christmas package, apparently is out of danger, physicians said today.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

An adjourned meeting of the city council will be held at 8 o'clock this evening, in the council chamber in city hall. At 7:30 o'clock, the standing committee will meet to discuss the advisability of recommending that a legislative commission be formed to look into the possibility of erecting a stadium in this city. This committee's recommendation will be put before the full body of the council for action tonight.

ENGINEER ON HISTORIC MONITOR DEAD

ELIZABETH, N. J., Dec. 25.—Daniel K. Lester, 63, Civil war veteran and engineer on the Monitor in its historic battle with the Merrimack, died at his home last night of pneumonia.



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53 CENTRAL ST.

SEVEN KILLED BY BANDITS

50 Armed Men Derail Train, Kill Woman and Six Soldiers, and Sack Express Car

Soldier Guard Put Up Gallant But Futile Resistance Against Yeggs

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 25. (By the Associated Press.)—Fifty armed bandits on Wednesday night derailed a train to Mexico City passenger train at El Coire, south of Saltillo, killed a woman passenger and the six soldiers of the guard and sacked the express car, according to press despatches from Saltillo. Several passengers were wounded during the fight, in which the soldier guard put up gallant but futile resistance.

A military column has been sent from Saltillo in pursuit of the bandits. A similar outrage occurred at the nearby station of Cameros, last October.

60,000 VISIT GREAT SHRINE OF ST. PETER'S

ROME, Dec. 25.—Streams of the faithful were still pouring today through the holy door in St. Peter's opened by Pope Pius on Christmas eve in inaugurating the year of Jubilee. Each one passing through kissed the side posts from which the door had been removed. It is estimated that sixty thousand persons visited the great shrine of the church on Christmas day.

Children Entertained

Community and general sociability and fun was in order from early afternoon.

Long before the scheduled time of commencement, the children crowded into the beautiful Auditorium and when the opening number on the program was given, over 1500 were in attendance.

The one and only entertainment for children, a "Punch and Judy" show, was given with plenty of "Punch" which left poor "Judy" gasping for breath at the end of the comic, thus by establishing "Punch's" pugilistic ability.

Movies were also on the program and wholesome comedies with the children's favorite "stars" performing as well as special features were thrown upon the screen.

To the great delight of the many guests, candy and ice cream played an important part in the day's program and the kiddies munched happily away at "bunks" of candy, as they enjoyed the pictures. Cake, too, was in evidence, and the end, sad story of a conquered piece of cake was told about the rosy mouths of the youngsters as they gleefully cleaved about the place in childish joy and anticipation of "more."

And more they got for the reverend clergyman always makes it an important point on the entertainment programs that there is plenty and more, too, of the delectables.

Musical numbers were also featured and served their purpose in keeping the children "enthralled." Generally, the children were most attentive during the entire program, seeming to know just when and how to show their appreciation or sorrow, as in the case of "Punch and Judy," although the boys were quite pronounced in recognition of "Punch's" conquest.

Favors galore in the form of appropriate toys were distributed and proved very popular with the little guests.

All in all it was the nicest party many had attended for a long time and with hearts overflowing with gratitude akin to the deepest and sincerest of love for their benevolent pastor, the children left the scene of their afternoon's pleasures to return to their homes fairly enveloped in contentment and the season's happiness, after expressing their appreciation to their kind pastor, Rev. John J. McGarry, D.C.L.

Lowell Boy on Cruise to So. America With Pershing

Continued

lean cruise so far. We left Boston November 22, and arrived in New York the following day. After both calls on had a liberty we left New York for Panama the 26th. On our first day out we ran into a storm that lasted through three days and the old ship was bobbing around like a cork. I am sure glad that I am not subject to seasickness, as quite a few of the crew were sick. The second night of the storm we picked up the crew of the ship, a man named... She was badly battered and in a sinking condition. These poor fellows were worn out with their two days struggle in the heavy rain. We left them very thing except their clothing. When we put them ashore in Colon, the captain of the Utah cheered them up by presenting them with a collection taken up by the crew of the ship.

Upon our arrival at Colon we immediately coaled ship. This was a real sailing as it is all done by native labor at this port. We left Colon and passed through the locks at Gatun, Pedro Miguel and Miraflores, and it

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Former prices \$15 to \$20. Good styles, in jersey, velvet, silk, cloth. Black, navy, brown, gray.

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REDUCED TO \$10

Former prices \$15 to \$25. Big variety in twill cord, sport flannel, tricosham, satin canton, velvet, caupon crepe. Dark colors.

169 WOMEN'S and MISSES' BETTER DRESSES—

REDUCED TO \$15

Former prices \$25 to \$35. Smart models in silk, cloth, roshanara, twill, satin canton, caupon crepe. Navy, blue, brown, black, tan. Some Betty Wales included at this low price.

WOMEN'S and MISSES' COATS—

REDUCED TO \$15

Former price \$25. Sport and fur trimmed styles, in cranberry red, black, brown, gray.

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Former prices \$59.50 to \$75. Cranberry, navy, taupe, brown, black. Collars and cuffs of wolf, beaverette, muskrat.

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With Brown Fox Collars. REDUCED TO \$77

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Very stylish. REDUCED TO \$59

Sealine Jackettes—

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was surely a wonderful sight to me as I had never seen anything of the kind before. The tropical scenery along the canal and the operation of the immense gates of the locks were wonderful and I was on deck from the entrance to the canal until we dropped anchor in Balboa on the Pacific end. I made my first liberty in a foreign port in Panama City and you should have seen the radio going. We all had big baskets of fruit and bunches of bananas. Fruit is almost given away there. We took in all the sights and made a lot of snapshots of the locks and scenes which I will show you when I get back in March. The people seem to be lazy and indolent here as the weather is very warm, and I got pretty well sunburned while ashore. They are very polite, however, and always speak or salute when we pass.

From Panama we struck out for Peru and a few days out we crossed the equator. When we crossed the line the ship was given over to King Neptune and his court which is made up of old timers that have crossed the line before. Each man's record is carefully gone over and if he has not crossed the equator the king details his sheriffs and police to place them

under arrest and bring them before him to be sentenced. They are all found guilty and are sentenced to various punishments. No officer or enlisted man found guilty of being a landlubber escapes, though in some cases the court is bribed by presents of a few boxes of cigars, cigarettes, candy, etc. Well I was given what was called a shave and had to swallow most of the lather which was made of graphite and tallow. I was then given a pill made of salt water soap and the first I knew I slid backwards into a big canvas tank of sea water and believe me they made sure that I was submerged. Then I was pulled out when I got back to Lowell.

This is a mining country and we can see the gold, silver and copper mines and the miners' cabins up on the mountains from the deck of the ship. The Peruvians are very friendly though we cannot understand them very well as they speak Spanish. The streets are narrow and are crowded though in most cases are kept very clean, and there are a number of big public buildings, museums and cathedrals, and also some of the poorest people that I ever saw. Trip like this would open the people's eyes in the U. S. What we call poor people would be pretty well off in these countries.

When we leave here we go to Valparaiso, Chile, and from there through the Straits of Magellan to Rio Janeiro and from there to Boston in March or April. I am still on the radio job and think it is the best job aboard ship. Will be in to see you on my first leave but remember, you can never call me a landlubber again for I have my certificate showing that I am a full-fledged shellback signed by Neptune's Rex.

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TOP FLOOR

33 PERSONS, INCLUDING SIX OF ONE FAMILY, DIE IN SCHOOL FIRE

"Santa Claus" Struck Candle on Tree and Wooden Building Became Inferno—People of Oklahoma Settlement Set, About Sad Work of Internment

HOHART, Okla., Dec. 26. (By the Associated Press.)—All of the 33 victims of the fire which destroyed the schoolhouse during a Christmas eve entertainment identified, the people of the Hahka Switch settlement today set about the sad work of internment. Plans for using a common grave, first considered when it appeared identification of all bodies would be impossible, were abandoned last night when the identity of the last victim—a little girl of 11—was established.

Joint funeral services for 16 of the dead will be held this afternoon, followed by burial in individual graves. The Rev. G. W. Estes, pastor of the Presbyterian church, was named to conduct the services, with ministers from all denominations participating. The remaining 17 victims of the fire probably will be buried tomorrow.

Twenty Still in Hospitals

Twenty persons injured in the fire still are in hospitals. All are considered.

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NO ROMANCE IN LIFE ON PROBE DEATH OF THE BOUNDING MAIN "MILLIONAIRE ORPHAN"

(By NEA Service)
NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—From apprentice boy on a three-masted sailing ship to knighted commodore of the White Star Line is the "success" story. Sir Bertram Ramsay will have written when he retires after 44 years at sea, once the liner Mauretania docks at Liverpool.

There has been "more hard work than romance," he asserts—which recalls the lines of Emerson to the effect that "there is romance on every ship but one you are sailing."

A check of his record points, however, to a most romantic career. Beginning as a poor lad, he learned his sea trade in short order and within half a year was fourth officer

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Further investigation of the death of William Nelson McClintock, "millionaire orphan," waited today for the report of pathologists who examined his exhausted body for possible discovery of poison traces and the arrival here from Albuquerque, N. M., of William Shepherd, lawyer-chemist, chief heir to his estate.

Shepherd, at whose home McClintock died Dec. 4 and whose wife was McClintock's guardian until he became of age last spring, left Albuquerque yesterday. He will be questioned at the state's attorney's office as soon as he reaches here. Through his law partner, Robert H. Stule, he has agreed to submit to examination, and to aid the inquiry instigated by Harry Olson, municipal court chief justice and friend of the McClintock family, after certain named persons expressed dissatisfaction with the physicians' report of death from typhoid fever.

The four pathologists, one of whom represented the Shepherds, were ready to make a preliminary report of the examination to Coroner Oscar Wolf today, with a complete analysis before a coroner's jury Jan. 20.

The state's attorney planned today to question the doctors who signed McClintock's death certificate and Miss Mary Gertner, a maid in the Shepherd home. She witnessed the signing of the will which bequeathed his estate to Shepherd and with the provision that an \$5000 annuity be paid Miss Isabelle Dene, his fiancée, who obtained a marriage license and waited at his bedside to marry him had he recovered consciousness.

SCARAMOUCHE EDITOR WINS PRIZE

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Rafael Sabatini, for his novel "Scaramouche," has been awarded the \$10,000 prize offered by Adolph Zukor to the writer whose story or play made the best motion picture in the year ended last Sept. 1, the Author's League of America, through which the award was made, announced yesterday.

The judges were George Barr Baker, chairman of the first International Congress of Motion Picture Arts, at which the prize was offered last year; Ellis Parker Butler, president of the Authors' League; Edward Childs Carpenter, president of the American Dramatists; Allan Dwan, Charles Dana Gibson, Frederick Roy Martin, Mary Roberts Rinehart, Elmer Rice and Robert E. Sherwood.

Final selection was made, the report of the judges said, after consideration of a "surprisingly large number of worthy pictures" which were narrowed down to 11 from which "Scaramouche," "The Thief of Bagdad" and "A Woman of Paris" were chosen for the final decision.

"Scaramouche" was selected, the report continued, "because it was from all viewpoints an exceptional motion picture. It possessed that fluidity of action essential to effectiveness; it radiated continually a particularly dramatic period of history; it possessed great pictorial beauty; it was directed with skill and played by a brilliant cast."

"Above all it was a good story—written with broad strokes and in heroic mood—and the prize was offered primarily to a story-teller. The committee members were unanimous in praising the spectacular beauty and fantastic charm of the 'Thief of Bagdad,' but the authorship of 'The Arabian Nights,' which it recreated, is obscure."

"Chaplin's directing genius, rather than the story, made 'The Woman of Paris' notable."

"Scaramouche" was adapted to the screen by Willis Goldbeck, directed by Alex Ingram and distributed by Metro Pictures corporation. Adolph Zukor, who has made the prize a permanent annual establishment of the Author's League, is president of the Famous Players-Lasky corporation.

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CAPTAIN SIR BERTRAM RAMSAY

of a ship plying between New Zealand and San Francisco. His first command was the famous old Britannia. In this ship he carried troops to the Boer war and won the king's medal.

He directed the rescue of the crew of the wrecked Norwegian liner Italos and won another medal. During the war he took three troop ships with 200,000 men through the Dardanelles without a single loss of life and, after the war, was knighted. On one of his trips his ship, the Olympic, sunk two German destroyers. But that's in a day's work, he says. No romance!

So he hopes to find a little romance on his last voyage that he's quitting at the age of 60.

For he has never married. "A sea-faring man has no business to marry," asserts. "It's just fair to the woman."

SONG BIRD OF THE NORTH END DIES IN BOSTON

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—Miss Myra Leveroni, "song bird of the North End," who was one of the stars of the Boston Opera company a decade ago, died today. She had been sick two months. Miss Leveroni was divorced two years ago by Dr. Leon Axel Stone of Worcester, on the ground that she had deserted him ten months after their marriage in 1916.

The daughter of parents in modest circumstances in the Italian colony here, Miss Leveroni attracted attention of makers of music with her rich mezzo soprano voice, and she was sent abroad to study in Naples. Her success carried her through a debut before the Italian king, and at Covent Garden, London.



SAFE-GUARD CHILDREN

When mothers put children on the front porch to play they often return to find the kiddies down the street, their lives being endangered by passing automobiles. A porch gate which can not be unlocked by the youngsters will keep them on the porch and relieve mother of many of her worries.

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NOW FOR BUSINESS

It is safe to say that never before in this city was so much money spent for the Christmas season as in that of the present year, and it was chiefly in the purchase of gifts for distribution to friends. Much has been heard of the industrial depression; but judging from the lavish expenditure of money in Christmas shopping, it would not seem that the hard times have been felt here as much as in most other cities. For this our people have much to be thankful for, but the great drive now is to get back to normal business conditions so that everybody who needs work will be employed. With the beginning of the New Year the local cotton mills are planning an extension of the working hours per week, which may be regarded as the first step towards a return to better working conditions. When this condition is realized, the people will breathe easier and will no longer have any hesitation about buying what they need.

This resumption of active operations by the factories will increase the demand for their products and aid them in working toward their full capacity. The post-Christmas period is usually dull, yet most of the local mills have made arrangements to increase their working schedule to five days a week but at a reduced wage scale. This is variously viewed by different parties, some claiming that if the mills cannot run at the old rate of wages, it is better to have them run more steadily even at the reduced rate. There is no denying the fact, that the cotton mills are face to face with adverse conditions and the operatives in such a case are the best judges as to the policy to pursue. In a few months it is expected the air will be cleared so that business will be stabilized and the people will know exactly what to expect.

CHEAPER TRANSPORTATION

Transportation by water wherever it offers an advantage over that by land should be encouraged. It is true now as formerly that the railroads endeavor to control transportation by water both inland and along the coasts. That they should gain such control would establish a monopoly which would keep up freight rates already too high.

For this reason, it is important that we should encourage water transportation wherever possible. We have built the Panama canal at great expense. It was a great enterprise, well worth what it cost, but we should take full advantage of the opportunity it offers for comparatively cheap transportation between the Atlantic and Pacific seaboard.

Before Congress at the present time there is a measure known as the Gooding bill, the purpose of which is to promote the facilities for water transportation between the east and the west via the Panama canal. It is one that should be supported. It would prevent the railroads from controlling the coastwise trade for their own advantage. It is a measure that should be generally supported in the interests of all the people. It would enable the west to ship its products to the east, whereas the present freight rates are prohibitive and qualify so to the eastern states sending their products to the Pacific.

Cheap water transportation through the Panama canal would benefit the entire country and should be encouraged in every legitimate way.

SMUGGLING OF ALIENS

It is reported that the jails of Vermont are filled with aliens arrested for trying to enter this country in violation of the immigration laws. Some time ago the rumrunners engaged the chief attention of the government officials along the border, but now the smuggling of aliens is receiving their main attention.

The violations of the passport provisions of the immigration law are making plenty of business for the federal officers and are taxing the capacity of the jails in the vicinity. It is reported that at Newport, which is the principal point of entry for northeastern Vermont and New Hampshire, there were so many cases of the violation of the immigration laws that 21 of the federal prisoners had to be sent to jail in St. Johnsbury, Vt., to await trial. The prisoners, it is observed, represent about a dozen different nationalities. It is understood that they have been led to the border by immigration bootleggers who exact large sums for smuggling them over the border. This has been going on for over six months and has reached a stage at which the government must adopt rigorous methods in order to stamp out the abuse.

The aliens who are thus induced to adopt illegal methods of getting into this country cannot easily be reached except through their respective governments and the shipping agencies which bring them from Europe and Asia. They are not forbidden to land in Canada; but most of them seem to be quite confident that if they can enter the dominion, they can easily steal across the border into the United States without detection. A limited number might succeed in doing so; but they have been coming in such droves that the government has found it necessary to increase the number of officers with a view to preventing their entrance. In spite of the number arrested, it is alleged that a large number have succeeded in reaching American cities and mingling with the population without attracting any special attention.

IRELAND'S PROTEST

President Cochrane takes a prompt stand against any further down of the scope of the treaty under which the Irish Free State was formed. That treaty had certain shortcomings that made it unsatisfactory to the Irish people. It is evident that no treaty of the kind that permits any division of Ireland can be satisfactory to the people; but such as it is, it has been accepted and President Cochrane is determined that its meaning shall not be minimized in order to discriminate against Ireland entering the League of Nations or in any other way whatsoever.

When that treaty was adopted, it was announced again and again by representatives of the British government that the constitution offered to Ireland was practically the same as that of Canada. Apparently Premier Baldwin of England would now put a different construction upon the treaty and make it nearly a domestic agreement between England and one of her colonies, whereas the treaty specifically declares that the Free State is a co-equal with England in the British community of nations.

It may be that the British officials who framed the treaty intended this phrase merely to assist in having the document accepted in Ireland; but regardless of what its purpose was, it is in the treaty, and cannot very well be eliminated or misconstrued.

SEEN AND HEARD

Charged with extortion, a Chester, Pa., man was charged with electricity as he reached for the ransom money.

In Troy, O., the will of Mrs. Honeyman has been set aside because she wasn't sweet to her kinfolk.

Since income tax lists are published, no doubt some will pay too much next time just as a bluff.

A Thought

A man to be converted has to give up his will, his ways and his thoughts.—D. L. Moody.

Nice Little Woodchuck

Up in Chester, N. H., Charles L. Brown has a tame woodchuck which plays about the house like a cat. Its ends with the cats and dogs and does not show any signs of hibernating.

Good Job Vacant

A help wanted advertisement published at Chicago read as follows: "Maid, high wages; dresses provided; comfortable rooming; with piano and use of automobile."

Sparring the Bear

Four dogs and two bucks that were on the railroad tracks when a train came around a curve at Sheffield, Vt., proceeded to half a mile before the locomotive for half a mile before turning into the woods. The engineer, rather than injure the animals, proceeded at a snail's pace until they were out of the way.

Very Funny Law

An odd bit of English law in regard to shoppers is that an article displayed in a shop window may be bought, however much the shopkeeper may object, by a person who has been withdrawn from the shop. A purchaser must have the exact amount of money to buy the article he is wrapped, else the sale is off.

No Chance to Grow

Young Newell had spent 12 months abroad and on his return was greeted warmly by his father, who was accompanied by guests. "Well, Charlie, my boy, enjoyed yourself?" cried old Newell, joyously. "And how you've grown!" "Grown, father, grown," corrected his son, annoyed at the suppressed chuckles. "Well, I'm blessed," replied the old man, in a surprised tone. "Penny notions, you've picked up abroad. What have I to grow for?"

The Warm Diggers

There are at least 500 men in New York city who make a comfortable living by digging worms. It is their sole occupation, and any day they may be seen at Jamaica Bay or four-pronged implements which look like a cross between a rake and a hoe. Most of the efficient worm diggers are under contract to tackle stores which guarantee to take all the worms they can furnish. More often than not these men are able to make \$15 a day.

Happened in Lawrence

A little boy of 5 and another slightly older came pell-mell through the crowd of Lawrence shoppers. They rode in a handcarriage wagon on that might have together sufficient snow came to allow it to be replaced by a sled. They drew up where they intended to park for a time. The younger boy produced a huge padlock to which was attached an enormous chain and he proceeded to hitch the wagon to the post. Automobile thieves stayed away.

Shoppers' Assurance

She was what is called a "good shopper." That meant that she drove a mania. She was never satisfied until she had the whole stock of the shop turned upside down for her convenience. Last week she was buying a fur piece. After nearly an hour's searching she at length hit on one that she hated a little less than the others. "Are you sure this fur won't shrink?" she inquired. "It won't, and one gets caught without an umbrella, it might, you know." "Madam," replied the long-suffering salesman with a weary sigh, "the fur didn't shrink on the last party that wore it, and he was never known to carry an umbrella."

Miniver Cheevy

Miniver Cheevy, child of scorn,
Grew lean while he scorned the sea-
sons.
He would not be less than the sea,
And he had reasons.

Miniver loved the days of old
When swords were bright and steeds
were prancing;
The vision of a warrior hold
Would set him dancing.

Miniver sighed for what was not,
And dreamed, and fretted from his
labors;
He dreamed of Thebes and Camelot,
And Britain's neighbors.

Miniver mourned the ripe renown
That he had so many a name so fragrant;
He mourned Romance, now on the
town,
And, Art, a vagrant.

Miniver loved Midday,
Albeit he had never seen one;
He would not be less than the sea,
Could he have been one.

Miniver cursed the commonplace,
And eyed a kind of suit with loathing;
He missed the medieval grace
Of iron clothing.

Miniver scorned the gold he sought,
But once he sawed was he without it;
Miniver thought and thought, and
thought,
And thought about it.

Miniver Cheevy, born too late,
Scratched his head and kept on
thinking;
Miniver coughed, and called it fate,
And kept on drinking.

EDWIN ARLINGTON ROBINSON, in
"Poems."

MAN ABOUT TOWN

I am informed by Samuel J. Butler, well known painter and decorator, that the Society of Master House Painters and Decorators of Massachusetts will hold its 34th annual convention in the Hotel Marlborough, Boston, January 6, 7 and 8, and among the subjects discussed will be in schools. Pretty well known men usually rather at the state rallies of the master painters, as every Lowell member has known for many years, I suppose. At the same time, the society enters not to those who have no interest in the fields of the painters and decorators, and the annual program strictly adheres to the occupational pursuits of the members in every respect. The program sent to me indicates the kind of subjects that are now seriously interesting the master painters. Besides "trade schools," there is "the progressive painter," "the light for social betterment," and "the light for business service." An attractive extra feature provided for the convention in January a department devoted to the



TOM SIMS SAYS

Jackie Coogan has a baby brother now. The lazy little guy is a few days old and hasn't gotten a job.

Only safe place for an auto speedster is in a desert where the roads are as wide as they are long.

About this time every year we always decide that what our town needs is a change in climate.

If money really talked, an old dime could tell some wild tales about what it used to buy.

Women take better care of their hair than men. This, however, is not always true of their bridge hands.

While a movie comedian's wife has a good time, a divorcee it was not because he threw her his around.

A friend tells us he gave her a lipstick for Christmas and is getting it back when she thanks him.

You can take the boy's Christmas horn and use it for a funnel, if you will need a funnel.

Largest diamond in the world is worth \$100,000, but a small one may be prized more highly.

Scraps the inside of a new pipe before smoking it or the fire wagon may pay you a visit.

Christmas (ies are all right. Every-body wears them. Aw, go on. Don't be so self-conscious.

Candy may be gradually worn off the seat of the trousers by putting sandpaper in the chairs.

With so many other things to wonder about some men insist on wondering if their hair is combed.

If summer were to visit us for the holidays she certainly would be a welcome guest.

The average auto lasts six years, barring accidents.

Christmas is the time of peace on earth, which is one thing not made in some foreign country.

Our kick about breakfast is everybody's face looks as if it had been slept in.

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"SCARAMOUCHE" WINS \$10,000 PRIZE

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Rafael Sabatini, for his novel "Scaramouche," has been awarded the \$10,000 prize offered by Adolph Zukor to the writer whose story or play made the best motion picture in the year ended last Sep. 1. The author's league of America, through which the award was made, announced today.

Judges were George Darr Baker, chairman of the International Congress of Motion Picture Artists, which the prize was offered last year; Ellis Parker Butler, president of the Authors' league; Edward Childs Carpenter, president of the American Dramatists; Allan Dwan, Charles Dana Gilbert, Frederick I. May, Martin, Mary Roberts Rinehart, Elmer Rice and Robert E. Sherwood.

Final selection was made, the report of the judges said, after consideration of a "surprisingly large number" of worthy pictures which were narrowed down to 17 from which "Scaramouche," "The Sign of the Cross" and "A Woman of Paris" were chosen for the final decision.

SALVATION ARMY DISTRIBUTES BASKETS

More than 250 baskets containing Christmas dinners were distributed to poor families of Lowell on the day before the holiday, by the local Salvation Army headquarters official staff. The distribution took place at the Appleton street headquarters, starting at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. All applicants for dinner baskets possessed tickets, which were presented during the distribution. The baskets were prepared by Miss David Farrar, local commander; Mrs. Jane P. Farrar, Melchorie Richardson, E. Nelson and Edward S. Dale.

Mrs. Farrar, wife of the commander, did a great deal of work preparing the baskets, arranging presents for little children to go on the Christmas tree for the exercises held yesterday at the barracks. She also investigated all applications for aid.

POLLARD EMPLOYEES HOLD ANNUAL PARTY

The employees of the A. G. Pollard company enjoyed their annual Christmas celebration at the closing hours Wednesday evening and the basement of the store was the scene of a merry gathering with Santa Claus impersonated by E. Mallonius. An entertainment program was given by members of the sales force and gifts were exchanged.

display of exhibits of practical work and dealers' materials. James H. Hutton and William E. Wall compose the other two members of the active publicity committee. It is announced that the 41st annual session of the master painters and decorators association will be held in Los Angeles, Feb. 3, 4, 5 and 6. Reduced rates of railroad fare will probably be granted.

Christmas is past, the era of good resolutions is here? What are you going to say you will or will not do in 1925? Are you going to strive to make it count for more than the year now fading? Is it to be a milestone of accomplishment or just another turn in the road? Resolutions are easy to make, but terribly hard to keep. Let's make one between now and New Year's day that will be kept, even though in keeping a little self-sacrifice will enter in. To deny a folio or a whim should not be difficult and nine times out of ten such denial makes for better-ordered lives.

The many local friends of Arthur J. Walsh, formerly a resident of North Chelmsford and for the past few years manager of the Detroit, Mich., division of the Plinkerton Tobacco company, will be pleased to learn that he is soon to take another step toward advancement in that same company. Early next year, Mr. Walsh is to receive an important assignment with the tobacco firm in a large city near east, the promotion coming as a reward for his faithful and efficient service. Within recent years, Mr. Walsh married Miss Mildred Hill, daughter of Dr. Edward P. Hill of 305 High street.

GIRL HELD FOR THEFT

Boston Police Believe They Have Brought to End Trail of Worthless Checks

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—With the arrest yesterday of Ruth A. Wilson, 23, specifically charged with the theft of \$200 from the proprietor of a Lawrence music store, local police believe they have brought to an end a trail of alleged worthless checks said to stretch through Boston, Washington, New York and other cities, before to be the work of the young woman. She is said to be the same Ruth Wilson, who was arrested in two New York courts on the same charge.

Miss Wilson, who was arrested as she finished her Christmas dinner, is being held for the Lawrence police.

HOLY YEAR PILGRIMS

Transportation to Rome Big Problem — International Conference of R. R. Men

GENEVA, Dec. 26.—Transportation of the holy year pilgrims to Rome is a problem which has necessitated the assembling of an international conference of railroad men here. With the pilgrims passing through Switzerland and those from this country, it has been found necessary to schedule from 160 to 200 special trains.

PROGRAMS BY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Christmas programs for the various classes of the First Congregational church Sunday school were held last Sunday and were as follows:

Junior department: "Chimes," piano; "Silent Night," "Holy Night," "Gloria," "The Christmas Story," "The Christmas Tree," "The Christmas Candle," "The Christmas Song," "The Christmas Eve," "The Christmas Morning," "The Christmas Day," "The Christmas Night," "The Christmas Year." Senior department: "The Christmas Story," "The Christmas Tree," "The Christmas Candle," "The Christmas Song," "The Christmas Eve," "The Christmas Morning," "The Christmas Day," "The Christmas Night," "The Christmas Year."

Primary department, Miss Marion Durrell, superintendent: Opening worship, review of Christmas stories, "The Birth of the Christ Child," "The Shepherds," "The Wise Men," "The Shepherd in the Manger," "The Christmas Story," "The Christmas Tree," "The Christmas Candle," "The Christmas Song," "The Christmas Eve," "The Christmas Morning," "The Christmas Day," "The Christmas Night," "The Christmas Year."

Beginners' department, Miss Helen Plack, superintendent: Opening worship, review of Christmas stories, "The Birth of the Christ Child," "The Shepherds," "The Wise Men," "The Shepherd in the Manger," "The Christmas Story," "The Christmas Tree," "The Christmas Candle," "The Christmas Song," "The Christmas Eve," "The Christmas Morning," "The Christmas Day," "The Christmas Night," "The Christmas Year."

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HOFFMAN CLUB ENTERTAINS

The Hoffman club entertained over 300 guests at a Yuletide party and dance held in the upper hall of the C. & A. club in Middle street Wednesday evening. The feature of the program was the fine musical number given by the Red Jack orchestra directed for Belmont park. Montreal, Harvey Gaudette was chairman of arrangements and he was assisted by Edward Fitch, Thomas Garrity and Henry Chretien.

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THE ZOO

THE little Capybara is
As queer as he can be
He is the largest member of
The rodent family.
He lives in South America,
Where lakes and rivers are
And dives to safety when attacked
By his foe the jaguar.

Friendship

When you've got a bit of worry that is clinging to your mind, it's upsetting to a fellow as can be. So, it's true you'll always hurry till somebody you can find who will list and give a bit of sympathy. Why it is you feel much better when you've bared your little fret, no one seems to know or even seems to care. But if you have been a fretter, I will lay an even bet, that you've ached to lay your little worry bare.

In a corner you will bide you and you'll tell your tale of woe. Then you'll always feel much better, you will find. As your lister sits close by you he will always seem to know that he's helping you get worry off your mind.

Who's the fellow whom you yearn to have just listen to your fret? Who's the one on whom you feel you can depend? Who's the fellow whom you turn to and who'll always gladly let you tell your tale of woe? Why, he's a friend!

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GIFT AND TOYS SHOP
Fourth Floor

We will let you select any article from our Fourth Floor Gift and Toy Shop this Saturday at 1-3 Off their regular selling price when you consider that the regular price is the lowest in Lowell. You can imagine how cheaply you will buy this Saturday, at 1-3 Off, and listen, we have plenty of pretty lamps of all kinds still on hand to please you, besides all kinds of gifts for men and women—and if you have forgotten some little one and want some Toys take advantage of this 1-3 Off Sale this Saturday and visit our Fourth Floor Toy Shop. You will still find what you want here.

POISON LIQUOR KILLS THREE

31 Others Ill and Court Calendars Crowded as Result of Xmas Drinking

Number of Drunks in New York as Great as Any Time Prior to Prohibition

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Three men are dead, 31 others are ill in Bellevue hospital, four of them seriously, and the police court calendars are crowded as a result of drinking liquor yesterday in this city in celebration of Christmas. In addition to the dead and sick, between forty and fifty persons are in the accident ward of Bellevue from the accident at Packer Avenue.

Gage Co. Ready For Ice Harvest

ly thicker. Forge Village waters are covered today by ice averaging 6 inches in thickness and quality is found excellent everywhere the Gage ice harvesters are about to operate.

Ice-cutting at Lakeview will be started with all necessary forces of the Gage company employed, next Monday morning, as serious changes in temperature occur before Sunday night. Today, employees were sent to Baptist pond to prepare for marking the length and breadth of the ice field soon to be attacked.

The Forge Village ice-cutting location was also visited today by veteran inspectors on the Gage payroll, and they report quality ice forming rapidly.

Operations on the river ice cannot be attempted at this time, for the Merrimack supply fields above the dam are not evenly frozen in length as yet. In the locality where the Gage ice houses stand in an imposing row of wooden structures between the street and the river banks, the ice ranges from 5 to 7 inches in thickness. There are many "holes" in this area at present, although the area was spotted with youthful skaters today, all familiar with the larger spots, some of which have been designated by long poles.

If the ice houses had been entirely emptied by customers' demands this year, ice-cutting would have started at Lakeview today. It is said the situation calls for no extraordinary attempts to harvest ice at this time, however, for two of the largest of the main houses on the Merrimack shores above the dam, are yet in reserve.

The company also has another large reserve supply untouched, on the shores of Baptist pond in South Chelmsford. That will remain in storage, it is stated, and the 1924-25 supplies soon to be harvested from the water acreage there, will be backed up in huge piles on shore, similar to the method employed last year in the Gage company's grand plan to harvest enough ice to meet all needs of Lowell and suburban customers.

The Lakeview harvest will not take long, if the ice-cutting starts Monday and no bad weather interrupts operations. The Lakeview house is not as large as some of the other Gage storage plants, and the field needed has sometimes been cut and stored within 48 hours, when employment conditions were satisfactory.

The Merrimack river today is much lower than it was a year ago when the ice-cutting campaigns moved from the outlying ponds in South Chelmsford and Forge Village to begin the job of harvesting 12 and 14-inch ice from the great field above Lakeview dam. The waters of the valley stream last year flowed over the flashboards of the dam at the time, but not today for a minute.

This morning the basin in the river above the flashboards appeared more like a mill pond, with the water at the dam several inches over the boards. It is evident that the leather mills that promise live and one-half days a week production operations to employees, beginning next Monday morning, will have to draw more heavily upon the electric and steam power facilities of individual plants than ever before, or at least since the days when more river water was being used in the textile manufacturing pursuits in Lowell many months ago.

REMEMBERED THE ORPHANS
The children of St. Peter's and the French-American orphanages are the recipients of numerous toys and individual boxes of candy yesterday through the generosity of Mr. Bernard C. Maguire who spent the holiday with his relatives locally.

WOMAN WHO KILLED HER TWO TWIN BOYS FREED

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Mrs. Bessie Katz, 25-year old mother who killed her three weeks old twin boys Dec. 2 was freed today after a city magistrate, acting on the recommendation of an assistant district attorney, had dismissed an infanticide charge against her.

Mrs. Katz, the court was told, was temporarily demented through illness at the time she threw the twins out of the window of her third-story flat and jumped after them. The boys died in a hospital a few hours later, but the mother, at first believed mortally hurt, was sufficiently recovered to appear in court today.

MATRIMONIAL

Mr. J. E. Ploof of Nashua, N. H., and Mrs. Anna Lee of this city were married Wednesday evening by Rev. William H. Morrison, D.D. Mr. Edward Lee and Miss Elsie Shaw attended the ceremony. Following the ceremony the bride in Rogers street after which Mr. and Mrs. Ploof left on an extended wedding trip. They will make their home at 569 Rogers street, this city.

Girl Thrown on to Pilot of Engine, Carried Eight Miles

weather and slight breeze. She was brought to a local hospital. Kenneth Clark, 22, her husband, Clyde Clark, her brother-in-law, and Mrs. Clyde Clark were injured when the train struck the rear end of the automobile. Mrs. Clyde Clark died this morning of her injuries.

A baby, 20 months old, was hurled about from the automobile. Police investigating the accident conducted a search for several miles along the track leading out of this city after a man had reported to the railroad office that he had seen a screaming woman being carried on the pilot of the train several blocks from the scene of the accident.

The members of the train crew who had been stopped at Anderson and a search of the front part of the engine made there but the woman had fallen from the train before reaching that point. Mrs. Clark told the ambulance driver on her way back to Indianapolis that she was able to hold on tightly to the screaming engine after the crash until she became too weak and had to let go.

OVERNIGHT FLASHES BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nation has cold Christmas with snow in west, middle west and sections of east, and with thermometer lower in middle west than any Christmas in years.

Stock in the William M. Ritter Lumber company of Columbus, Ohio, valued at between two and three million dollars, is turned over by William McClelland Ritter under trust agreement to 124 persons, most of them employees of corporation.

C. T. Collins, 76, chairman of board of directors of Standard Oil Co. of Kentucky, dies at Louisville.

Simply marks President Coolidge's Christmas day, which is spent quietly at White House, except for attendance at church in the morning and long afternoon walk.

Isaiah Sabatini is awarded \$10,000 prize by special jury for his novel "Sensationalism" on which motion picture, awarded with being best of last year is based.

EARTHQUAKES SHAKE PICTURES FROM WALLS

CHICAGO, Va., Dec. 26.—Vibrations, believed here to be earthquakes and strong enough to shake pictures from walls, knock vases from tables and rock buildings, were felt in Roanoke and vicinity last night.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—No earthquakes were registered on the seismograph at Georgetown university during the night.

Many Improper Signatures On Referendum Petition

to the petition, however, and only slightly more than 4300 are needed. It is believed that despite the large number thrown out by the commissioners, there will be sufficient to make the petition legal.

Certification of the petition is slow, commissioners say, and it is doubtful if the work will be completed before Monday. Under the law regarding the certification of petitions, the election commission has five working days in which to certify signatures, and in the present instance the time will not expire until Monday afternoon.

While it will not be definitely known what action the present council will take towards meeting the bridge issue upon the completion of the work of certification, there is a growing feeling that at tonight's meeting of the council adjournment will be made to either next Monday or Tuesday night so that the matter may be disposed of before inauguration day.

If the petition is certified as legal by the election commissioners, it is felt that the residents of Pawtucketville and Centerville interested in securing a Beaver Brook bridge will favor the council resolution in previous action in voting the \$125,000 order rather than have the matter placed before the electorate at a special election, which the petition calls for if the council fails to re-said.

This is due to the fact that those who desire a bridge over the Beaver Brook realize it will be easier to secure another appropriation at a later date if the council rescinds its action, while if the matter is defeated at a special election, there will be little hope for any action towards getting a bridge there for some time to come.

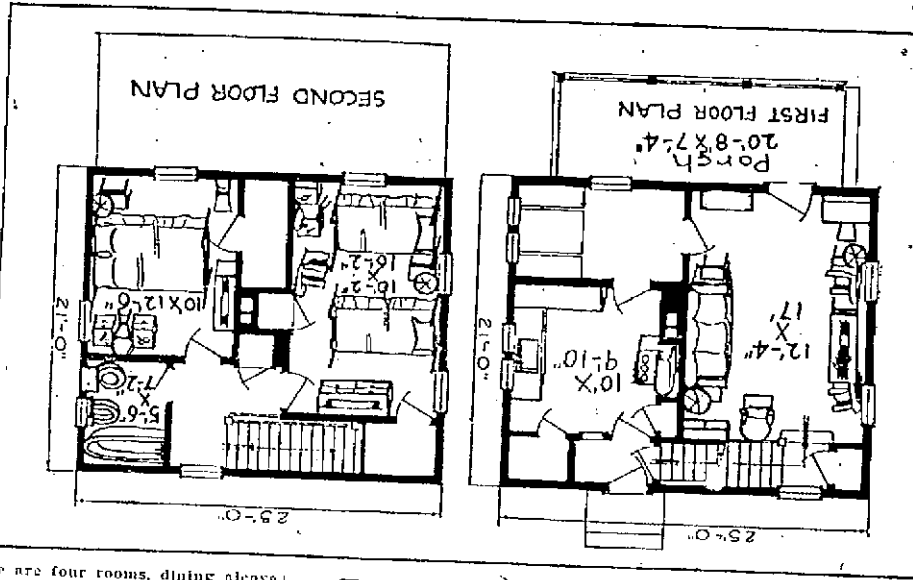
Town and City Taxes

While the town of Natick is alone at the top of the heap with its rate of \$13.74, among the cities alone, Holyoke has the lowest rate, \$2.33, and Brockton the highest, \$3.50. The per capita direct tax for 1924 ranges from \$15.23 in the town of Millville to \$273.11 in the town of Hull. Lowell's per capita tax is \$30.51.

The lowest town of Dracut is well up the tax ladder with a rate of \$40. Other rates in towns and cities in this vicinity follow:

Acton \$31.40, Andover \$27.70, Ayer \$25.50, Billerica \$28, Burlington \$23.50, Cambridge \$31, Chelmsford \$25.50, Danvers \$20, Groton \$22, Harvard \$23, Lawrence \$27.20, Littleton \$27.50, Methuen \$27, North Andover \$25, Pepperell \$28, Tewksbury \$30.50, Tyngsboro \$28, Westford \$30.

AMERICANIZED SWISS CHALET WITH PLENTY OF ROOM AND WALL SPACE



There are four rooms, dining alcove and bath in this two-story cottage whose exterior is reminiscent of the Swiss chalet. This effect is brought out by the use of vertical boards in the second story, and the wide, open cornice.

In a space 23 feet wide and 21 feet deep it embodies all that goes to make a convenient, attractive home.

There is a bannister across the front of the porch, and it is entered from the side, near the entrance door. Thus the group on the porch is not disturbed.

When entering the living room, the handsome stair at the far side of the room focuses the attention. On its landing is a coat closet and a window.

The wall spaces in this room are especially good for a livable arrangement of furnishings. A bookcase is built-in.

Built-in benches and table are provided for the dining alcove, but there is room for other places, too, if desired. Windows on two sides insure its brightness all the time.

Housewives will appreciate the compact convenience of the kitchen. Among its built-in features are



FLOOR PLANS AND FRONT VIEW OF FOUR-ROOM HOUSE

ed into three rooms for heater, coal and storage. The central location of the chimney is a practical and economical feature.

This house may be built for \$3050, figuring 31 cents a cubic foot.

A full basement is provided, divided.

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FRESH ROASTED COFFEES
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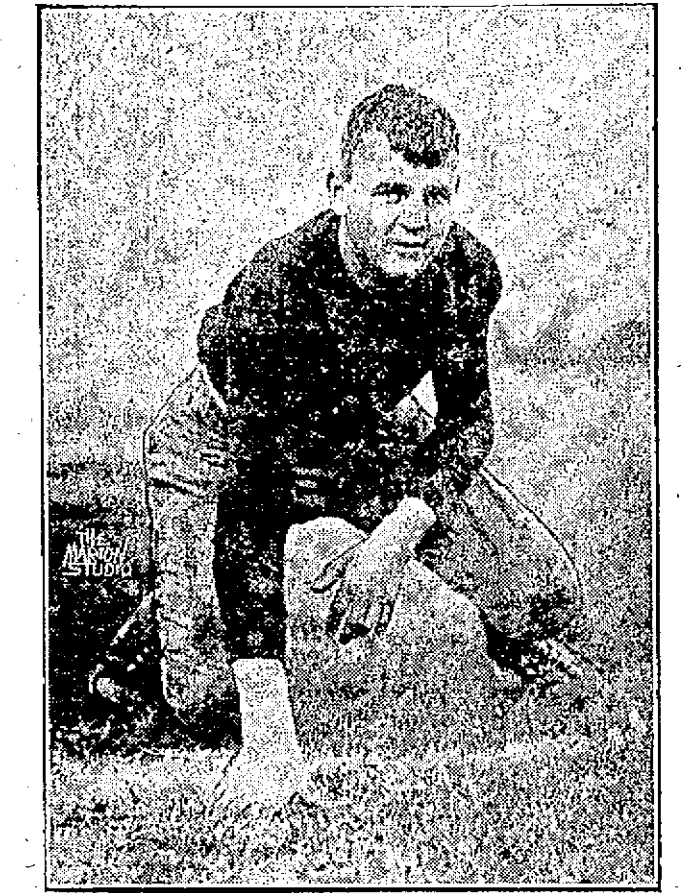
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505 Bridge St., 113 Goshen St.,
50 Salem St., 100 Broadway,
157 Shaw St.

Lowell Boy En Route to Pacific Coast as Member of Notre Dame Football Team

Lowell Boy With Notre Dame Football Squad



JOHN McMANMON

With the Notre Dame football squad, traveling to the Pacific Coast from South Bend, Ind., to meet the University of California in the Rose bowl at Pasadena on New Year's day, is John McManmon of Lowell, rightfully called a Lowell boy, for he captained the high school team here in 1922. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James McManmon.

Although only a sophomore at Notre Dame, McManmon is so firmly entrenched on the varsity squad that Coach Rockne named him in the group selected to journey to California to take part in the greatest intercollegiate

CALIFORNIANS WIN OUT

Southern University Defeats U. of Missouri in Football Game at Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 26.—The University of Southern California football team yesterday defeated the University of Missouri, champion of the Missouri valley conference, 29 to 7, in the first of a series of intercollegiate contests marking the year-end holidays in Southern California.

A combination of a close and open attack in the third period, when they scored all their points, gave the California men victory after they had been outplayed by the middle western team throughout the first two periods. Forward passes gave the Trojans two of the three touchdowns. The lone Missouri touchdown came in the last 20 seconds of play and resulted from a fumble by Riddle which Walsh picked up and ran twenty yards, saving the Trojans from a blank score.

The Trojans fought a brave fight and displayed a daring attack until they wilted in the third period and fell prey to the long distance passes of Newman. They came within scoring distance twice during the first two periods. The remainder of the game saw them making desperate attempts to stop the charging Trojans.

FOR WORLD'S 18.2 BALK LINE BILLIARD TABLE

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Seven players, three American and four foreign, will compete in a tournament here for the world's 18.2 balk line billiard championship Feb. 22 to March 1.

The Americans will be Willie Hoppe, the champion; Jake Schaefer, former champion, and Walker Cochran of Los Angeles. The foreigners will be Erich Thienelbacher, champion of Germany; Edouard Foremanus, Belgian champion; Roger Gault, champion of France; and Grange of France, and either Suganuma or Suzuki of Japan.

The matches will be the first of their kind to be held here since 1921, when Jake Schaefer defeated Hoppe in a play-off for the championship and later successfully defended the title in a challenge match here.

Since 1921 the tournaments have been held in New York.



GRIDIRON'S GREATEST STRATEGISTS TO MATCH WITS

When Notre Dame, Coached by the Resourceful Knute Rockne, Meets Stanford, Directed by Brainy Glenn Warner, on New Year's Day at Pasadena, Calif., the Football Classic of the Season Should Result



It will be a battle of football's two master strategists when Notre Dame meets Stanford on New Year's day at Pasadena, Calif., in the Tournament of Roses. Knute Rockne of Notre Dame, who has triumphed over the best in the east and west, will attempt to make victory complete by taking Stanford, coached by the brainy Glenn Warner, into camp. Warner's success on the coast is in keeping with Rockne's great record. In his first year as coach at Stanford, he took down the Pacific coast title by holding California to a 7-7 tie in the all important game of the year. Real football should be played when Stanford meets Notre Dame. No two coaches in the game know more football than Warner and Rockne and they have excellent material to work with. Notre Dame has a change of pace in football having a system to meet every requirement. No doubt Stanford will also show a variety of play. Numbered on both teams are several All-America stars, outstanding players of the year. This game should prove to be one of the most colorful of a prolific season.

BIG BOUTS IN NEW YORK FOOTBALL COACHES TO MEET NEXT WEEK

Berlanbach Meets Estridge and Delaney Will Oppose Pal Reed of Boston

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Several outstanding title contenders will be seen in action tonight in the feature events in the boxing card at Madison Square Garden.

Paul Berlanbach, light heavyweight knockout artist, who is seeking a title match with Mike McTigue, faces a formidable foe in Larry Estridge, hard-hitting negro, while Jack Delaney, conqueror of Benicchi and a contender for Harry Greb's middleweight crown, will oppose Pat Reed of Boston. Both matches are slated for 12 rounds.

U. OF PENN. ELEVEN LEAVES FOR COAST

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26.—Undeveloped and tied into during the regular season, the University of Pennsylvania football team leaves for the University of California eleven, also undefeated, in the Berkeley Memorial bowl on New Year's day. Each of their star players out of the game because of injuries and illness, the Quakers admittedly were not as optimistic of the result as they were a few weeks ago.

Two of the injured players, Clark Craig and Joe Wilson, will accompany the team but neither will see the field. Ted Fairchild is recovering from appendicitis in Johnstown, Pa., and will not be able to go. Delatite Jackson, a center, is probably out of the game for good.

Accompanied by the entire coaching staff and a small band of rooters, the squad of 23 players will leave here at 8:10 o'clock this afternoon in a special train over the Pennsylvania railroad. The party will leave Chicago at 11 p. m., Saturday, and is due in Berkeley at 1:30 p. m., Tuesday.

TANK ROMANCE

Miss Oliver Holland and Wilbourn Cox to Wed

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—The engagement of Miss Oliver Holland, women's swimming champion at the half-mile and the funny diving title-holder also, to Wilbourn Cox, assistant life-saving instructor of the Boston chapter, American Red Cross, in an outgrowth of a tank romance, is announced.

Miss Holland formerly held the national and New England women's title championship.

BIG TASK FOR ROCKNE

Knute Rockne may find it difficult to get his football warriors back into shape after a two weeks' rest following the finish of Notre Dame's regular schedule. If Notre Dame beats Stanford in the coast game, it will have established its greatness beyond a doubt.

BIG PURSES FOR PROS

Professional golfers will have some real money to shoot at during the winter months. Three cities, San Antonio, Tex.; Hot Springs, Ark.; and Los Angeles have offered purses totaling close to \$20,000.

CITY BASKETBALL LEAGUE

The directors of the City Basketball League will meet tonight in the Y.M.C.A. to discuss the question of awarding to be awarded the members of the winning combination at the close of the season. The petition of the players for reinstatement will also be acted upon.

(By the Associated Press)

Steve O'Neill, veteran catcher, who has become assistant to Walter Schang of the Yankees, after service with Cleveland and Boston, was at the height of his career in 1924 when Cleveland conquered Brooklyn in the World Series. In a discussion of catchers recently a former major league manager, who handled an eastern team during the 1920 season, declared that O'Neill was what is known in baseball as a "telegrapher."

Anybody could tell what was going to happen in a game by watching O'Neill's right foot," said this manager. Nevertheless Cleveland won the American league pennant and the world title and O'Neill caught the bulk of the catches.

The veterans still reign in baseball. At the top of the American league, pitching averages are the names of Walter Johnson and Herb Poonock. Hugh McQuinn, Grover Alexander and Carl Mayes are among the leaders in the National. Now come the Eastern league leaders with the story that Gary Lutz and Fleet Mayes of the Springfield team could be the youngsters in their department. Both have been pitcher for years and both have been with the Boston Red Sox and International league teams.

Left-handers carried off the batting honors in the Eastern with such performers as Lou Gehrig of the Yankees, then playing with Hartford, and Jack Izard and Wade Leffer of the Worcester club hitting high up in the 300 circle. Leffer reached the Washington Senators in time to insert some welcome hits in Stanley Harris' chase for the pennant.

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Mickey Walker, world's welterweight title-holder, has one of the ring's most unusual opponents when he fights Mike McTigue, light heavyweight king, in Newark on Jan. 7. Should Walker knock out McTigue or win on a foul, thus taking the 75-pound title, he would be the first boxer to hold two crowns separated by another division. In this case, the individual class is not so divided as in history have gone so far out of their class for opponents. Although in this case the fight is not so divided as in history have gone so far out of their class for opponents. Although in this case the fight is not so divided as in history have gone so far out of their class for opponents.

MEGRUMACKS

Lyness	104	81	114	203
Moran	106	105	94	305
Mingre	52	86	111	249
Sanderson	102	118	28	248
Panton	93	86	97	276
Totals	456	455	527	1481

MASS. MILLS

Hurst	183	21	192	251
Brannan	24	21	53	204
Higgs	92	39	13	204
Wentworth	102	118	28	248
Lyons	95	81	103	284
Totals	471	452	493	1481

GAME POSTPONED

An ice-covered field prevented the Abbot Worsted-Fox River soccer game from being played on the Wai-pole street grounds in Boston yesterday. The tilt was postponed indefinitely.

GENEROUS TO SISTER

There are some St. Louis scribbles who contend that if the official scorer had been as generous with Rogers Hornsby as he was with George Rube, the Cardinal star would have hit close to .500. Sentiment for Slier awayed many a base hit in his favor. (Copyright, 1924, The Lowell Sun)

Billy Evans' Honor Roll

SOUTHERN

Ends—WAKEFIELD, Vanderbilt; LEMON, Centre; THOMAS, Washington and Lee; THOMPSON, Georgia; KIRWAN, Kentucky.

Tackles—TAYLOR, Georgia; RIVES, Vanderbilt; WILLIAMS, Florida; COMPTON, Alabama; GRISHAM, Auburn.

Guards—GODWIN, Georgia Tech; GOLDSTEIN, Florida; LAWRENCE, Vanderbilt; LEWIE, Tulane.

Centers—PROBST, Alabama; KUBALE, Centre; LAWRENCE, Auburn.

Quarterbacks—JONES, Florida; COVINO, TON, Centre; DUFFEY, Virginia; LAUTENSCHLAGER, Tulane.

Halfbacks—REESE, Vanderbilt; HUBERT, Alabama; BROWN, Tulane; NEWTON, Florida.

Fullbacks—WYCKOFF, Georgia Tech; CAMERON, Washington and Lee; RYAN, Vanderbilt.

Billy Evans SAYS

Ed Walsh, famous pitcher of the Chicago White Sox of other days, took up umpiring when through as a player.

Part of one season was enough to convince Ed that umpiring was not as pleasing a position as star twirler.

Walsh, the fastidious Yankee, is the way Walsh expresses his disgust at the business of umpiring. That belief recalls an interesting yarn featuring Charley Richter, noted National League umpire.

"I will never forget my greatest thrill as an umpire," remarked Richter to me the other day.

"I was sent to Annapolis to officiate at the annual ball game between Annapolis and West Point. I was all 'dolled' up for the occasion, suit pressed, new cap and shoes oiled.

"Just as I walked on the field to start the game there was a salvo of applause from the grandstand that I will never forget.

"I threw out the old chest a little farther. It was in the colleges where the umpire was really appreciated. I never started a ball game feeling quite so satisfied with myself and profession."

"As the captain of the West Point team handed me his batting order for the day, he brought me back to earth when he said:

"That outburst of applause was for President Roosevelt. He just entered the grandstand. Then I realized it was all a dream. I had hardly made my entrance at the same time as the late president."

At the recent meeting of the major leagues, the matter of speeding up the games was given much consideration. Last season the games dragged in both leagues, but in the American more than the National. Delays in baseball can usually be charged up to the battery men.

Either the catcher seeks to get the batter's "coat" by giving the signal slowly, or the pitcher after getting the signals quickly, proceeds to adopt dilatory tactics.

American League managers seem to

Pennant Plays in Basketball

HELD BALL PLAY IN OFFENSIVE HALF OF FLOOR

BY COACH F. ALLEN

Kansas, Missouri Valley Champions. Side tip to guard, who dribbles straight to basket. No. 1 and No. 2 start toward center, then reverse toward sideline, and cut hard toward basket area.

This set will keep this center end zone clear. No. 1 as trailer, after coming out of center circle from behind, always goes down opposite side of the court from whence he tipped the ball.

No. 5 takes ball on side from center and has the alternative of dribbling, shooting or pivoting before passing. No. 6 swings to center of court, then cautiously follows play down.

The front tip will work from this formation if center can control the tip-off. Center can also use back tip to self on this same play, then back to No. 6 down near basket.

McGRAW DENIES BUYING THE BRAVES

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—John J. McGraw, president and innager of the Giants, today denied a published report that he had sold his interest in the New York club and had purchased the Boston Braves. "The whole story is the bunk," he said. "There is not a word of truth in it."

places a greater importance on the "take-your-time" policy by the pitchers, hence the games are slower.

The annual discussion on this feature recalls a letter that Tim Hurst once wrote to President Johnson on the subject.

In reply to the American League president as to how the games might be shortened, Hurst, after offering a number of suggestions, added a postscript to his letter which said:

"If you are really in earnest, Dan, about shortening the games, why not try seven innings?"

That suggestion might have gotten any other member of the staff fired, but to this day President Johnson can always get a laugh when the incident is recalled.

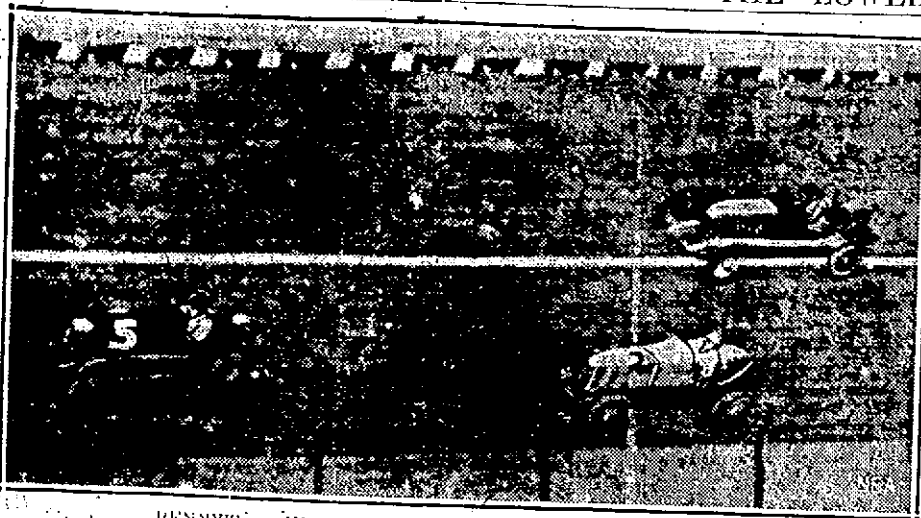
LAWRENCE TRACK DATE ON MARCH 5

The date of this season's Lowell-Lawrence high school track meet has been changed from Saturday, March 7, to Wednesday, March 5, in order that the former date would not conflict with the annual intercollegiate meet at Rowdoin college, usually participated in by a number of Massachusetts schools.

ARGUMENTS ON POSTAL RATE INCREASE BILL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Pressing ahead with its hearings on the administration's postal rate increase bill with a view to completing them this week, the joint postoffice subcommittee of the senate and house allotted further time to representatives of publishing interests today to present arguments on the measure. The hearings have developed opposition from these interests to rate increase provisions of the bill applying to second class mail, embracing newspapers and magazines, as based on postal cost figures which they contend apportion too much of the general expense to this class of mail.

The committee plans to report the bill to the senate immediately after the Christmas recess and before the president's veto of the postal salary increase bill is called up by unanimous consent on Jan. 6.



BENNY'S ONLY GOING 126.9 MILES AN HOUR!

New speed records were chalked up at the opening of the racing season on the Culver City (Calif.) track. This picture shows Benny Hill, who eventually won, catching up with Ralph De Palma, while Tommy Millon in No. 5 is leading the field. Benny had his boat open to just 126.9 miles an hour on the final lap.



Reggie McNamara (left), the veteran Australian, and Pete Van Kempen, the courageous Hollander, were the winners in the six-day bike race just ended at Madison Square Garden, New York.

33 Perish in School Fire.

ered to have at least an even chance of recovery.

A committee of Hobart citizens has been appointed by Mayor F. E. Gillespie to provide for the care of children orphaned by the fire and to work toward rehabilitation of the home life to Babbs' Switch. A movement is under way to raise funds for a monument to those killed in Oklahoma's worst Christmas tragedy. The monument would be placed either in Hobart or on the site of the fire.

Wire Netting on all Windows

Authorities said they expected to take no action toward investigating Babbs' Switch fire. Vigilance of the school trustees in placing wire netting over the outside of the school windows to keep out vandals was held chiefly responsible for the heavy loss of life. Could the windows of the elementary structure have been used as a means of exit, virtually all of the 200 persons in the building could have escaped. It was believed. As it was, the door was the only exit, and there was such a rush for it that persons farthest from it had little chance to escape as the fire started from a candle on the Christmas tree, swept through the small structure.

Babbs' Switch is a prosperous farming community seven miles south of Hobart. Cotton and wheat are the principal products. The population is about 250.

Six in Family Perish

Among those who were early identified in the family of the Babbs' Switch school, six bodies, those of the father, mother, and four little ones, have been placed together in the corner of the room. Survivors tell how the family, standing in the center of the blazing schoolroom, every means of escape cut off, threw their arms about one another and in a last gesture of devotion fell together into the inferno as the blazing rafters, loosed from the roof, struck them down.

The Fire Started When a Day Candle

on a Christmas tree ignited a ball of cotton. Little revelers, gripped by the sacks of candy and stood spellbound while their elders at first tried to put out the fire and then, as the flames licked up the cedar boughs and spread to the dry wood of the flimsy structure, broke for the single exit at the rear, a mad, scrambling mob, leaping terror at their heels.

The loss of life among the children was heavy because they were grouped around the Christmas tree in the front of the building and were farthest from the door.

Mrs. Florence Perry Hill, teacher at the school, was among the dead. She was torn from the arms of her husband as he fought to get her to the doorway after he had forcibly dragged her from the front of the room where she was attempting to aid the escape of her little pupils. Mr. Hill escaped.

Santa's Arm Sticks Fire

Death cut off at its height the program rendered by the children of the neighborhood. The last little girl had spoken her "place," and a jolly Santa in red suit and fur hat distributed little sacks of candy, while parents and friends who packed the small one-room structure to capacity looked on.

Santa reached for one of the few remaining sacks. His arm struck a candle on the Christmas tree. It fell from

AGED WOMAN KILLED BY AUTO

BARRRE, Vt., Dec. 26.—Mrs. Josephine Moser, nearly 70, was run into and almost instantly killed by an automobile driven by Charles Zanleoni, Jr., while crossing the street in the vicinity of her home last evening. Mrs. Moser died while being rushed to the hospital. In trying to avoid hitting the woman, Mr. Zanleoni ran into a telephone pole, damaging his car. State's Attorney C. B. Adams is investigating.

STOPPED AMERICAN DANCE IN TOKIO

TOKIO, Dec. 26.—(By the Associated Press)—Two leaders of a gang of political rowdies, who were arrested after they had stopped the American colony dance at the Hotel Imperial on June 7, as a protest against the passage of the Japanese exclusion clause in the American immigration bill were discharged by a criminal court today because of insufficient evidence. The men were charged with disturbing the peace.

\$30,000 FIRE LOSS AT FRANKLIN, N. H.

FRANKLIN, N. H., Dec. 26.—Fire, starting in the boiler room of the St. Jack block, a business block, located on Main street, late last night, wiped out the entire structure. There were no fatalities. The loss is estimated at about \$30,000.

its place and a ball of cotton on the tree burst into flames.

Many were crushed in the jam before the door and it is believed that most of them who perished had been injured before the flames found them.

The injured were taken to Hobart in motor cars where emergency hospitals with volunteer nursing staffs ministered to their injuries. Work of recovering the bodies was retarded by the lack of water on the school grounds, with which to cool the embers.

Dead and Missing

The list of identified dead, as revised follows:

T. C. Coffey, Mrs. T. C. Coffey, Maude Coffey, Audrey Coffey, Orley Coffey, Ethel Coffey.

Mrs. Florence Perry Hill, teacher at the school; Mrs. Vesta Jackson of Port Worth, Tex., and her infant.

Among those listed as missing and believed to be dead were:

J. T. Goforth, Bud Biggers, Perry Biggers, Lowell Holding, Eugene Holding, John Duke, Jr., Mina Duke, Paul Pock, Silas Pock, Opal Pock, William Curtis, 31; Mrs. William Curtis, 33; two Curtis children, 8 and 10; Mary Elizabeth Eden, a child; John Hosenberger, Curtis Peterson, Cyril Pesh, a child; Lila Reville, Lynn Reville, Gladys Clemmons, 22; Mary Lela Clemmons, 21; Mrs. Glen Young, Mrs. Rhoda Bradshaw, 37; Mattie Holding, 13; Edward Holding, 10; William Baker, Walter Vickers.

GUN BARRELS FOUND HIDDEN IN BERLIN

PARIS, Dec. 26.—Officers from the inter-allied control commission have discovered in Berlin a depot of rifle and machine gun barrels, the Echo de Paris learns from "an incontrovertible informant in Germany." An inventory now being taken has accounted for forty thousand barrels, and it is expected that the total will reach 100,000. This depot was found in a cunningly devised hiding place.

The allied council of ambassadors is

meeting tomorrow to consider whether Germany has fulfilled her obligations under the Versailles treaty to an extent making advisable evacuation of the Cologne area by the allies on the stipulated date of January 10. The French contend that the Germans have violated the disarmament clauses, and Premier Herriot on Wednesday submitted to his cabinet a memorandum, in which the ministers agreed, declaration of evacuation of the Cologne bridgehead was impossible.

EMPLOYEES GUESTS OF MANAGEMENT

The employees of the Hub Hosiery mill were the guests of the management at a Christmas festival held Wednesday evening in C.G.A. hall in Middle street, at which time a banquet was tendered over 400 employees as well as several guests and officials of the company. The hall was festively arranged for the occasion with garlands of greenery and streamers of red and green ribbon while in one corner of the hall was a Christmas tree bedecked with gifts and favors for all present. An entertainment program was given following the banquet in which Miss Anita Robillard, Miss Anita Gagnon, Miss Selma Wright, Miss Alice Lemieux, Mrs. Blanche Desrosiers, Miss Simonne Bourassa, Mrs. Elsie Desrosiers, Miss Annette Duches, Miss Ida Tenover, Miss Alice Bertrand, and others participated. Wilfred Forget played the role of Santa Claus and was the center of attraction during the entire evening. General dancing was also enjoyed until a late hour.

The following committee was in

charge of arrangements: Emile Truett, Fred Bordelieu, Joseph Carpenter, Gertrude Beauchamp, Rose Christian, Marquerite Hils, Regina Isabelle, Corinne Coulombe, Mary April, Albert Goyette and Atchael Brouin.

APPLETON MILLS GOING ON FULL SCHEDULE

Appleton mills will operate on full week schedules, starting next Monday morning. The corporation recently announced a 10 per cent reduction in wages to go into effect at once. Full-time schedules will bring employment to many hundreds of Appleton operatives five and one-half days each week from now on.

LOWELL GREEKS OBSERVE CHRISTMAS

Local Greeks, for the first time in history, have set aside allegiance to the Julian calendar practice of celebrating Christmas 13 days after the usual date set for the observance in America, and have adopted the Gregorian system of time reckoning. Yesterday, the Church of the Transfiguration, at John and Paige streets, celebrated Christmas on the 25th of December, joining the procession of many other Greek churches throughout the country, who now observe the religious festival on the same day as church organizations of the Protestant and Catholic faiths.

The chief figure in yesterday's ceremony in the Church of the Transfiguration in this city, was Rev. Bishop Joakim Alexopoulos of Boston, head of the Greek church in New England, who came to Lowell to participate in the ceremonial.

Rev. Panos Constantinos, D.D., is pastor of the local church.

Services started at midnight with a mass, and the attendance was large. There was also the usual service with full ritual of the Greek Orthodox church denomination from 9 to 11 a. m.

In the afternoon there was a Christmas tree party, followed by refreshments. In the evening, His Grace Bishop Alexopoulos was the guest at dinner in Marle's restaurant of a large number of prominent men in the Greek community.

During his talks to the Greek-speaking people of Lowell yesterday, the bishop emphasized some of the great work that he is attempting to carry on through the agency of the local church and other religious institutions under his direction.

AUTO SMASHES POLE AND HYDRANT

A fire hydrant was demolished and a telephone pole snapped off at its base last night in Lakeside avenue, by an automobile, the driver of which is being sought by the police today. From the damage wrought, it is believed the machine must have been badly damaged, yet when police arrived it had been driven away and no trace of its identity could be found.

The accident occurred in Lakeside avenue near Perry lane, at about 8.30 o'clock. The roadway at this point is icy and the machine skidded, striking the pole, the hydrant and then the telephone pole. The hydrant was snapped off at its base but was kept from falling to the street by the wires.

Emergency crews of the public utility corporations were rushed to the scene and had completed temporary repairs within half an hour.

Poison Liquor Kills Three

Injuries sustained in fights or falls due to liquor.

Yesterday's fatalities increased to 34 the number of deaths in the city from poison liquor during the month.

450 Die from Alcoholism

The number of deaths yesterday and on Christmas eve was as great as at any time prior to prohibition, according to the police. Officials at Bellevue hospital said the tide of deaths and suffering from poison liquor had been steadily rising since the first prohibition Christmas in 1920.

In an open letter to Gov. Smith asking his support in the passage of a state enforcement act, Arthur J. Davis, state superintendent of the Anti-Slavery league, quoted the city health department's figures as showing 459 deaths from alcoholism in New York City during the present year as compared with 307 deaths last year.

"This number," said Mr. Davis in his letter, "is greater than that of any year since prohibition and almost as large as in pre-prohibition days."

PRETTY DECORATIONS studio of Prof. Frederic G. Bond, in which was carried out the typical English Yuletide festiveness. The windows were massed with holly boughs and poinsettias through which a lighted candle whispered the season's greetings to the outside world. The interior of the studio was prettily arranged in harmony with the windows.

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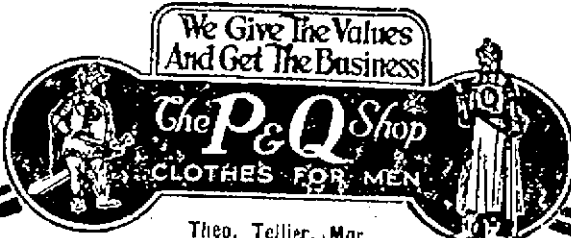
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Theo. Tellier, Mgr.

Princess, Figure in Royal Intrigue, Finds Peace as Florida Farm Wife



MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM H. MEYERS

By N. E. A. Service
MELBOURNE, Fla., Dec. 26.—"I have found peace."

In these words the one-time Princess Louise of Wittelsbach writes her sketch of a life that made her the most talked of woman in Vienna court circles.

Here, in the mellow warmth of a Florida farm, she takes on in her declining years the role of wife to W. H. Meyers, a plain and prosperous American citizen.

Fortuitous circumstance rescued her from the poverty that has visited much of Europe's royalty. She had been forced to work as a servant, her daughter had taken the aunt's veil and her son was a suicide. Life was brewing a warm soup for her wrinkled lips.

And then came a lonely and kindly Florida man who had of the blight of the once colorful court lady and penned a wistful love note to her—the sort of letter one might expect from a somewhat bald "fairy prince" upon whose life romance has brushed her hand ever so lightly.

"Why should you be so poor over there, when I have so much and am all alone. Won't you come to America and marry me?"

That was a portion of it, direct and without equivocation.

Princess Marie Louise, or the Countess Larisch, if you prefer, is accustomed to having the unexpected happen. Court intrigues never written in terms of the commonplace, and there was a time when polite intrigue was her heart's delight.

To Marie Louise it is all in a lifetime.

She arrived recently, they were married in Connecticut and now are settled down in Florida.

"And I'm so happy to find peace and quiet," she sighs.

"When one has lived through what I have it is wonderful to find peace. I am getting old. The exciting things of youth are no longer of interest except as memories."

So, in the warm Florida afternoons, memory will fit back to the gay court days and probably she will spin tales to her fond and proud husband as will make time and place seem to cease.

And if she does she may tell of how the Princess Marie Louise became favorite of her aunt, Empress Elizabeth, of Austria. In this role she stood second to the throne in social life.

Her marriage to Count Larisch, aristocratic member of the Hapsburg dynasty, was arranged by the empress and was staged with all the splendor of court ceremony—in striking contrast to the marriage in a Connecticut justice's courtroom.

And she may tell of how her love life began at 15 when she was betrothed to Prince Rudolph, son of Francis Joseph, and the Countess Velsers, Count Rudolph had been married to the Princess Stephanie but chose to find his

love in the Countess Velsers. One day, the story was given out, the bodies of Rudolph and Velsers were found side by side—suicides.

At the time it was reported that Marie Louise had had a hand in the intrigues surrounding the young royal lovers and was banished from the court.

This she now denies, as she denies that the pair committed suicide. She hints a plot and says the Countess Marie Velsers is alive today, but her face is terribly mutilated; that she is hiding in a German retreat.

Of such thrilling tales Marie Louise has plenty.

But they all are of her youth. Now she would be a nice old lady ending her days mellowly in the sun.

"I have found a wonderful peace," she says.

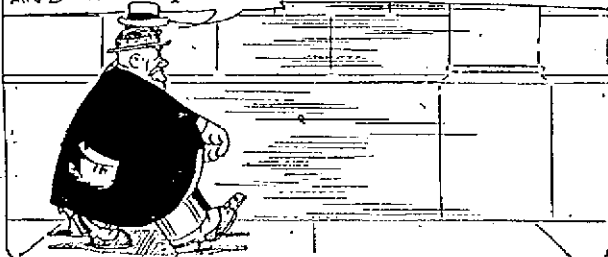


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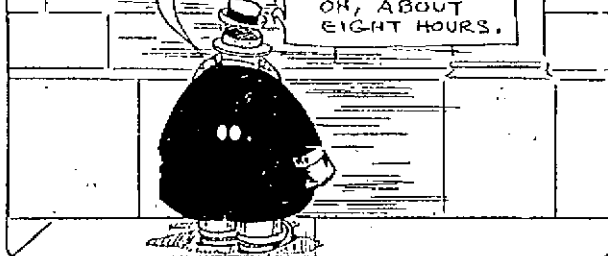
Commissioner of Public Safety Harry J. O'Shaughnessy, Steward of Westhewen, N. J., smiled and asserted his own innocence and that of his men when he appeared at county court and gave \$10,000 bail on the indictment of conspiracy and malfeasance in office returned by the grand jury against him. His arrest with that of 12 policemen followed the activity of Rev. Father George Bennett in protecting his parishioners from the flood of black runs alleged to have poured in over the Westhewen docks.

EVERETT TRUE

—AND WHEN I TOOK HOLD OF THE OLD CONCERN I IMMEDIATELY REORGANIZED IT, AND THEN I—



SAY, WATKINS, HOW MANY HOURS DO YOU SLEEP OUT OF THE TWENTY-FOUR?

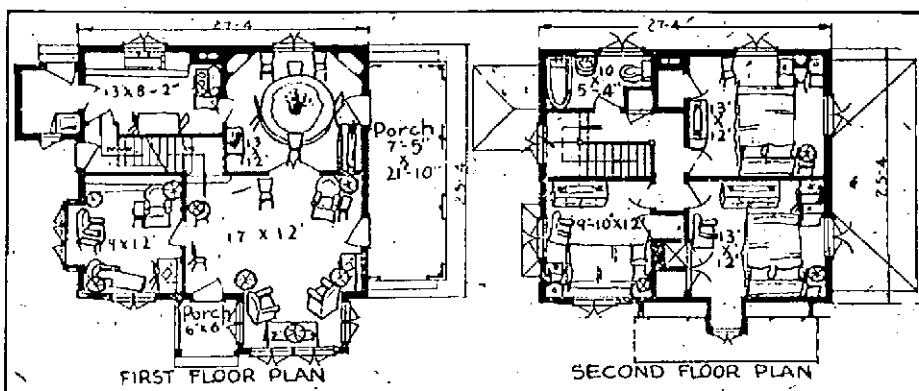


OH, ABOUT EIGHT HOURS.



WELL, IF YOU DON'T TALK IN YOUR SLEEP, THAT'S ABOUT EIGHT HOURS YOU'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT YOURSELF!!

Cozy Den and Airy Sunroom Make Double Feature in This Home



FIRST FLOOR PLAN

SECOND FLOOR PLAN

Nowadays most houses have sun parlors. Not many, however, boast both sun parlor and den, as does this plan. The solarium is surrounded with casements, which permit the whole opening to be used. Instead of only half as with ordinary windows. The living porch occupies a private and desirable location at the side of the house, and is reached through the living room.

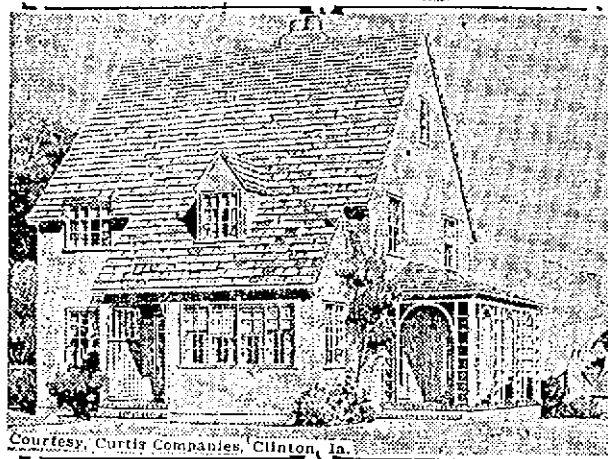
At the left of the front entrance is the den. Under the casements at the front is a built-in seat with a hinged top. At each side of it, built-in bookcases fill the wall-space in an exceedingly attractive and practical way.

At the side there is a bay. A long wall space is left for desk or couch. French doors open between the living room and dining room. Looking through them, one sees a pair of casements, flanked by corner china closets, of English design and finish.

The kitchen has plenty of built-in cupboard space, a well-located sink, board and a pleasantly located sink. Three excellent bedrooms and bathroom comprise the layout of the second floor, reached by way of a closed stair at one corner of the living room. There is abundant closet space.

A tier of built-in trays, behind a regular interior door, replaces a chimney in one room. In the hall is a linen closet of similar make-up.

The house should cost about \$6850.



FLOOR PLANS AND FRONT VIEW OF NEW HOME

School Not Monotonous for Movie Children

BY JACK JUNGMEYER

N.E.A. Service Writer
HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 25.—Playing hooky from school seems to have gone out of fashion. In Hollywood, however, a species of permissible hooky has replaced the old absence-without-leave. It is the custom of permitting school children to work in motion pictures.

But these kids, the envy of their fellows, can't simply chuck reader and speller and arithmetic into the desk to add right alongside famous stars. They must do some studying and reciting, too. Here to do it on the studio lots between picture shots.

So while there is the fly in this ointment it is an interesting fly.

School children selected for movies, by the various producing companies, attend classes wherever expediency dictates. One day it may be in a replica of a French castle, next day on the banks of an improvised Venice canal, next in an obsolete horsecar on a rusted siding.

I saw some of these happy itinerants in an old street car at the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studio. They were getting the three hours' daily instruction required by law. Mrs. Emma West, able and amiable teacher, had been assigned by the Los Angeles school board to see that the future movie stars didn't neglect their three Rs.

"It is sometimes hard to keep the children's minds on the lessons," admitted Mrs. West as the youngsters

answered a megaphone call from the set. "But usually we can convert the very strangeness of the surroundings to a sharp and memorable object lesson in connection with the course of study. One thing, the children here never seem to get fagged or listless. There is no monotony."

Children employed by movies must receive three hours' instruction from an accredited teacher between the hours of 8 a. m. and 5 p. m. Combined school and work hours must not exceed eight. Teachers must see that each child has a permit and that he reports each day. If these regulations are not obeyed by motion picture companies, permits to use minors are revoked by the school authorities.

So—don't waste sighs of pity for the kids that work in the movies. Their schooling is not being neglected. And they're having a dandy time acquiring it, together with several dollars a day for Christmas presents.

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COPS—THAT'S WHAT GRAND DUCHESS JUST SIMPLY ADORES



GRAND DUCHESS VICTORIA FEODOROVNA

BY HORTENSE SAUNDERS

N. E. A. Service Writer

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—"I love your

This is the democratic utterance of our royal visitor, the Grand Duchess Cyril, exarina aspirant of Russia, who has the best royal blood in England, Germany, Russia and Spain mingling in her royal veins.

Here is one person who needn't be ashamed of her folks. Her mother was the only daughter of Czar Alexander of Russia, her father was the Grand Duke Alfred, son of Queen Victoria. She is a cousin of King George of England and a sister of Queen Marie of Rumania.

Yet this distinguished visitor with her Slavic, angular face, and charmingly friendly manner is most impressed by our cops, traffic police and plainclothes men, which is quite as it should be, for she is constantly in their society.

Though her visit is purely social and she is being rushed by only the most accredited members of New York and Washington society, it appears that you can smash and scatter Russian nobility as you will, but the atmosphere of mystery and government intrigue will cling round it still.

And there are all sorts of rumors about. One is that the grand duchess has come to withdraw from Manhattan coffers an account of some sixty million schekels credited to the Russian government under the Bismarck regime, the ownership of which has been in dispute since the soviet revolution.

It is hinted that her social visit has something to do with the proclamation made in September by her husband the Grand Duke Cyril, in which he declared himself guardian of the throne willing to present himself to the Russians as their czar when the time for throne seizure seems most auspicious.

So when the grand duchess arrived in New York with her two ladies-in-waiting and a Russian admiral in her party she was met at Quarantine by 15 motorcycle police.

Then at the Waldorf-Astoria where she has the royal suite, 20 uniformed police were guarding the entrance. So the party had enlarged considerably. And now every time the grand duchess steps out for an ice cream soda, one gets the impression of a policeman's parade on Fifth avenue.

"Never mind, you and I will speak away some time. Detective Sergeant Brown has promised her 'and' 17"

show you the town, bright lights and all." "And let's gaze up at the skyscrapers, too," begs the grand duchess. "I have longed to see them all my life."



TOOTHSONE SMILES

And it secured for Zara Guldareva of New York the first prize in having the most perfect and prettiest teeth among 70,000 entrants in the contest conducted by the Mouth and Hygiene Exhibit of the Allied Dental Council.

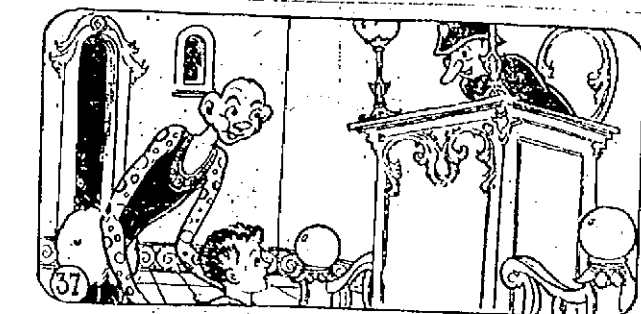


COMMON SENSE

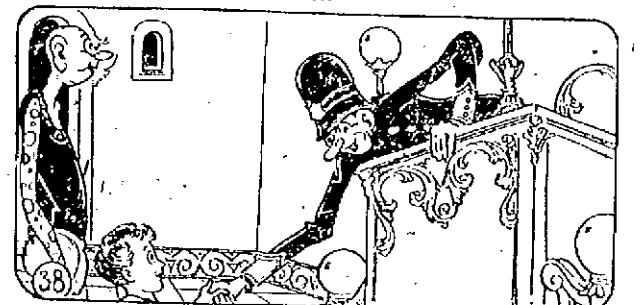
When a merchant advertises his wares in a newspaper, he does not appeal to the paper, but to its readers. He solicits the patronage of those readers whether he agrees with the policy of the paper or not.

To refrain from advertising in a paper of wide circulation simply because he does not agree with the editor on all public questions, is not using common sense. It is a form of business suicide. It has sent many short-sighted business men into bankruptcy. A dealer might as well put a sign over his store notifying all who do not think as he does that he does not want their patronage. Readers of newspaper advertisements know, when and where their patronage is, welcome.

Jack Daw's Adventures. Chapter 13



One of the lanky men led the way into the police station. Jack and Flop followed. Just inside the door there was a tall desk behind which sat a queer looking fellow with a policeman's high hat on. "Well, where did you get that short little fellow?" asked the chief.



"This is a visitor in Lanky Land," replied Jack's friend. "He wanted to meet you." The chief jumped up so quickly he nearly upset his desk. "Always glad to meet visitors," with Jack. Jack liked him as soon as he saw him.



he snipped. And then he leaned way over and shook hands. "How do you like our little town?" asked the chief. "Oh, fine!" replied the little adventurer. "But it is so quiet here. I would like to see some excitement. Don't you ever do anything that is really exciting in Lanky Land?" The chief burst right out laughing. (Continued.)

ADVENTURES OF THE TWINS by Olive Roberts Barton SANTA CLAUS TAKES A REST



"I DO HOPE THE CHILDREN ARE HAPPY," HE SAID TO MRS. CLAUS. Everything turned out just right and Santa Claus hadn't a bit of trouble on Christmas eve. Thanks to Johnny Sweep and the Twins, he got his reindeer hitched up and all his toys packed into his sleigh in fine shape. And he found every chimney as clean as a whistle after the good cleaning Johnny Sweep had given them. Whenever Santa Claus emptied one great sack, he drove his reindeer to the roof of the Toy Maker's shop and got another one full to the brim with all sorts of toys. He worked hard all night and never finished until it was almost daylight. Indeed, one little boy coming downstairs in his nightgown to see his tree, almost ran into him. Santa Claus had just time to whisk behind a curtain and through a window. When he drove his reindeer back home to the North Pole and Mrs. Claus had a nice hot breakfast waiting for him. And after that he went to bed and slept for four hours. His hard work was over for nearly a year. "I hope the children are happy," he said to Mrs. Claus. "I did the very best I could. And if there have been any mistakes, it's because some of the notes got mixed up." "I shouldn't worry if I were you," said Mrs. Claus, who was a sensible person. "You have done the very best

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13 BODIES RECOVERED, SEVEN STILL MISSING IN FLOOD

Search for Victims Continues in Area of Holston River Valley, Saltville, Va., Laid Waste by Flood of Lime Muck Released by Breaking of Dam

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 25.—Four more bodies were found today in the muck from the dam that broke Wednesday and flooded the lower sections of Saltville, bringing the known death list to thirteen. Seven persons still are missing.

Search Continues
SALTVILLE, Va., Dec. 25.—The search for victims continued today in the area of the Holston river valley laid waste by the flood of lime muck released by the breaking of a dam Wednesday night at the Mathieson Alkali works. While more than a score of injured lay in an improvised hospital here, searchers continued to fight their way through the stretches of lime-white mud deposited by the torrent which virtually swept away the little settlement of workers below the dam.

Four or five of the injured are not expected to live and many are suffering from pneumonia resulting from their immersion in the icy waters and from burns caused by the alkali muck. Many of the rescuers also have been treated for burns.

Several of the bodies recovered had been carried six miles below the dam, to Tumbling Creek. Belief that some of the missing still lay buried under the avalanche of muck, standing waist-high in places, kept the searchers at their task after more than 26 hours.

Most of the victims whose bodies have so far been recovered were attending a Christmas eve party at the home nearest the dam. With only the minute's warning of a deafening roar as the dam broke, the merry-makers were trapped without a chance to save themselves as the house was engulfed. Occupants of some other houses which withstood the torrent managed to struggle through the mud and water to safety after the crest had passed.

THREE ESCAPE AS TRAIN HITS AUTO

Jump to Safety as Hurling Car Tears Gate Tender's Shanty From Foundation

Auto Became Stalled on Crossing as Gates Were Lowered to Clear Tracks

MANSFIELD, Dec. 25.—Three persons narrowly escaped death yesterday afternoon when the Shore Line express, bound from New York to Boston, swept down upon a stalled automobile on Ballou crossing on North Main street, picked the automobile up and hurled it against the crossing-tender's shanty with such force that the shanty was torn from its foundation.

The automobile, operated, police say, by Walter Orr of 125 Summer street, East Fallow, and containing Harold Holland of 753 Washington street, Dorchester, stalled on the tracks just as the crossing-tender, Philip Riley, was lowering the gates to clear the track for the express.

With the train's whistle shrieking loudly only a short distance down the track, Orr, in a frenzy, labored in hope of getting the car started and off the track before the express arrived at the crossing. His efforts were fruitless, however, and as the train swept closer he was forced to give up hope of saving the car.

Two Men to Safety
Shouting to his companion in jumpers leaped from the car to safety at the side of the railroad right of way. Holland knelt at his side a moment, and both men raced to get out of danger.

Riley, who was standing at the crossing gates, also ran back from the tracks and jumped over a fence so that he would be struck by the automobile should it be thrown in his direction by the train.

The grinding of brakes was mixed with the sound of a rending crash as the automobile struck the tracks and heaved to one side. The flight of the car was stopped by its impact with the gate-tender's shanty, but the shanty was knocked off its support.

Train Stops After Crash
The train was brought to a stop a short distance beyond the crossing and was held up for some minutes before it was finally started. The shanty had been injured. The only damage done to the automobile and shanty.

State Inspector of Motor Vehicles Edward Clifford of Andover and Patrolman Arthur Conrad of the local police, have been assigned to investigate the accident.

Big Rush For 1925 Motor Car Plates Continued

cars to limousines, trailers and motorcycles, flooded the local registration offices this morning to secure credentials necessary to enable operators and owners to take vehicles out on the roads on New Year's day with everything all set for twelve months to come.

Up to 10 o'clock this morning, the local office had tested 1630 number plates for pleasure cars and 540 plates for trucks of all sizes, since the first 1925 registration order was filed on Nov. 20. Car owners have been coming in larger numbers during the past week, though the number of applications received during the latter part of November and early days of the present month were not large in total amount.

About the middle of December, the demand for new plates and also for new operators' licenses increased steadily.

The local office notes an increase in registrations this season of about 10 per cent this far. This percentage will be increased when the final lists are tallied after the office ends the month's activities on the night of December 31.

Clerk McDermott expressed satisfaction at the incoming increase of incoming applicants for 1925 registrations and also the new names recorded, showing to whom many new plates are going. Many present patrons of the local office patronized Boston motor vehicle registration office last year. More "returners" are coming to the Mongeau building for their 1925 plates.

It was estimated this morning that the list of new names on the 1925 registration records of the local office, showing acquired plates, licenses, etc., indicates plainly that 20 per cent of all registrants who secured plates elsewhere last year have patronized the local office this year.

This fact is proven by the old plate numbers shown on the 1924 registrations exhibited by applicants for licenses at the Mongeau building office. Numerous 1924 licenses bear plate numbers that could not have been obtained at the local branch for certain number "blocks" of plates

VANZETTI IN HOSPITAL

Man Found Guilty With Sacco in Murder Placed in Hands of Alienists

BOSTON, Dec. 25.—Counsel for Bartolomeo Vanzetti, convicted with Sacco as the slayer of a paymaster and guard in South Braintree in April, 1920, acted today on reports that he was under observation at the Charlestown state prison hospital as to his sanity. William G. Thompson, chief counsel for Sacco and Vanzetti, said he had learned of Vanzetti's condition through newspaper reports and planned to make a personal investigation immediately.

"I am going to the prison today," he said. "This will probably mean that we will ask for a commission of alienists to observe Vanzetti's condition and report to the courts."

The case, while admitting that it had been found necessary to remove Vanzetti to the hospital for examination as to his mental condition. The names of the physicians making the examination were not disclosed. It was said that for some time the prisoner had been obsessed with the idea that he was being persecuted and followed about.

Vanzetti has been serving a sentence of 12 to 15 years imposed in August, 1920, for assault and battery. He was convicted of murder with Sacco in 1921 and has been a prisoner at Charlestown while defense counsel has been striving to obtain a new trial. Judge Webster Chaffee, who took cognizance of the case, some time ago dismissed motions for a new trial, and the case is now being taken to the Massachusetts supreme court on exception. Sacco, who was pronounced sane by alienists after he had attempted a hunger strike a year ago, is held in Dedham jail.

NO FIRES HERE OVER CHRISTMAS

No fire of any kind occurred in the city yesterday to mar the observance of Christmas. In fact, at noon today, 48 hours had passed without a coal alarm. In the words of fire officials, a decorative Christmas trees with candles in but no burning disaster, but happily this year, care, caution and good fortune combined to keep the day free of even an incipient blaze.

LABOR CLASH IN VERA CRUZ NEAR

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 25.—The labor situation in Vera Cruz is being closely watched here and it was believed early today that only the issuance of orders from President Calles for the military protection for members of the maritime league in Vera Cruz desisting to work could prevent a clash between the labor and the employers of the railwaymen's confederation.

GO TO ANSWER CHARGES
ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Dec. 25.—Mr. and Mrs. William D. Shepherd father parents of William Nelson McClintock, the "millionaire orphan," into whose death an investigation now is being made in Chicago, left for Chicago last night in response to charges from their attorneys that they had been present during the investigation.

They were sent to Lowell last year for distribution in this district. Usually the Lowell office numbers have been of six figure denominations. The local registry received this morning a bundle of new 1925 "trailer truck" number plates, for distribution on call in this territory. The Lowell office usually has a good call for these smaller plates, that are marked "F500," and upward.

The law requires each freight "trailer" attached to a motor truck on journeys over state highways, to have a registration number attached. The plate costs as much as a truck plate sometimes, and is just as necessary to have attached to the "trailer" as the truck that draws the two or four-wheel goods carried in the rear.

Branch motor vehicle registration offices all over the state have received two-page circulars containing full information, explaining in detail that dealers must comply with the law. It is stated further that lamps must have 21 candle-power bulbs at all times, reflectors must be clean, lenses approved, aimed and coated properly.

State Registrar Goodwin has announced that the campaign started last summer to correct many abuses of the headlighting laws, will be continued with renewed vigor in 1925. He also states that anyone can focus his own lamps if he will call at any branch office of the motor vehicle registration department and receive copies of the two-page circular that is being distributed free.

OUR BOARDING HOUSE



CASES DISPOSED OF IN THE DISTRICT COURT

In consequence of a mix-up in Central street yesterday afternoon, Patrolman John J. Linnane arrested Martin L. Barron for drunkenness, and assault and battery, and James J. Sheehan for drunkenness. Both were arraigned in district court this morning. Barron being continued until next Friday in \$300, and the case against Sheehan being placed on file. William Frank Kennedy for drunkenness, was given a suspended sentence to the Massachusetts reformatory. It was through the intervention of County's aunt that the suspension was allowed.

Edward R. O'Toole was found guilty of drunkenness and his case continued one week for sentence. Stephen L. Gardella, drunkenness and maliciously breaking glass, was sentenced to the house of correction for one month. He testified this morning and had to be carried from the courtroom. Joseph Ross and Robert Williams, both charged with drunkenness, were dismissed when their cases were filed. Theresa Lunetta, arrested last week on a charge of shoplifting was continued until next Friday.

Raymond L. Pierce, larceny, was taken to Chelney by Patrol Officer Fred Gilmore.

NOT TO EVACUATE COLOGNE JAN. 10

PARIS, Dec. 25. (By the Associated Press).—The allied council of ambassadors at its meeting here tomorrow is expected to confirm the decision taken by the British and French governments not to evacuate the Cologne bridgehead Jan. 10.

The ambassadors in addition, it is expected, will send a memorandum to Berlin explaining the decision. They are not expected to go much further with the matter, however, pending the receipt of the final report from the military control mission concerning the status of German disarmament, which may be forthcoming the latter part of January.

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EIGHT DEATHS DUE TO COLD

Eastern States Today Due For Their Turn at Fighting Off Wintery Blasts

Coldest Christmas in Years in Many Sections of the Middle and Far West

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—(By the Associated Press).—The eastern states today were due for their turn at fighting off the wintery blasts which brought the coldest Christmas in years in many sections of the middle and far west. A measure of relief from the cold was expected today in the lower lake region and the Ohio, Tennessee and Mississippi valleys, but cold weather, cloudiness and snow flurries were forecast to continue the next few days. As the cold wave spread eastward lowered temperatures were forecast for the middle and upper lake region and the east gulf states. Unusual cold continued to grip the Pacific coast states today. The thermometer was forced below zero at points in California, Oregon, Washington and Nevada.

Eight Deaths Reported
The cold brought unusually lower temperatures even to southern California and snuggled pots were pouring their black smoke through the chimneys near Los Angeles to prevent additional damage to the crop. Frost-killed yesterday with an estimated loss of ten per cent or \$100,000.

Eight deaths, four in Chicago, three in Ohio and one in Texas were attributed to yesterday's cold. Three of the Chicagoans were frozen, and the fourth, a policeman, was fatally injured in a fall on the ice. Two boys broke through ice and were drowned at Eugene, Ore. Chicago's Christmas was the coldest in fifty-two years and in Indianapolis, upset records back to 1876. In Utah, where a close race for hours for the lowest mercury, 18, Nov., thermometers registering 48 below zero, and Huntsville, near Ogden, Utah, 49 below.

FIDLER COMPANY HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The tenth annual Yuletide party of the officers and employees of the Fidler Co. Boston Ladies' Outfitters was held on the second floor of the new building on Wednesday evening after closing hours when its employees together with invited guests gathered for a merry and profitable evening. Under the direction of Mr. Paul Blumberg, display manager, was transformed into a beautifully decorated ballroom. Novel light arrangements interspersed here and there with various decorations of garlands of greenery intertwined with ribbon streamers, made a pretty picture as the members of the "family" interchanged the season's greetings as well as gifts. An orchestra augmented the festive occasion gave a series of selections during the reception and also furnished music for general dancing which brought the evening to a close.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fidler, and Mr. Cyrus Fidler, junior member of the family, were the guests of honor and were generously remembered by their employees. Mr. and Mrs. Fidler were presented a handsome Damascus floor lamp while "Cousin Cy" was presented a beautiful smoking jacket. The senior member of the firm also occasioned a series of gifts to his employees in the excellent spirit of co-operation shown during the year which made possible one of the most successful seasons of the organization. "Cousin Cy" also thanked the employees for their devotion during the year. The players were in turn remembered in a generous way by the heads of the organization as well as by the department heads. Mr. Alfred Levy on behalf of the sales and office force presented the gifts to the guests while the numerous co-workers remembered another by interchanging various gifts. Department heads were generously remembered by their assistants and in turn presented their numerous co-workers beautiful gifts.

"Cousin Cy" entertained the large gathering with numerous stories and original "Cousin Cy" stunts which proved most enjoyable.

A buffet lunch was served in the course of the evening's enjoyment following which general dancing until a late hour was in order. The committee in charge of arrangements consisted of Messrs. William Hennessey, Wilfred Levy, Paul Blumberg, and the Misses Susan Delaney, Rose Barofsky and Olga Rubberg.

CHRISTMAS DAY IN THE LOCKUP

While the rest of the world was celebrating the joyous festival of Christmas by the warmth of the fire-side yesterday, nine unfortunate victims of their own thoughtless folly told themselves an best they could in the solitary confinement of a gloomy prison cell in the local police station. Nine men, objects of pity and sympathy in the eyes of those who knew them were there, secluded from the outside world by thick, impenetrable walls. They were there, miserable and alone—no children's laughing voices, nor grown-up happy smiles were theirs. Only the walls and iron bars.

And yesterday was Christmas! "Merry" would you say?

SUN BREVITIES

Walton Bros., Printers, 213 Dutton st. Catering, the Best, Lydon, Tel. 4234. Rebuilt batteries, \$10. Postoffice Gar. Fire and Liability Insurance, Daniel J. O'Brien, Wyman's Exchange.

Pat Cameron's Ice Cream—Callahan and O'Malley, props. Tel. 6137-6438.

May Conney, of 558 Concord street, is at St. John's hospital suffering from a fractured ankle sustained yesterday noon when she fell on an icy sidewalk in Concord street.

Mr. Martin Gilman, formerly of Lowell and Mrs. Gilman, are spending the winter months at Miami, Fla.

It was reported at the Lowell Corporation hospital today that the condition of Mrs. Amanda Helleman of Moody street, taken to the hospital Tuesday night suffering from food poisoning, is much improved and she is expected to return to her home within a day or two.

OFFICER KILLED IN COLLISION

Worcester Patrolman Crushed to Death as Cars Crash During Chase

Five Others in Wreck Injured—Sleeping Child in Mother's Arms Uninjured

WORCESTER, Dec. 25.—Police Patrolman Frank W. Sanborn, 29, was crushed to death and five other persons were injured early yesterday when an automobile, on whose running board the officer was standing while chasing a machine which had nearly run him down at Belmont street and Lake avenue, collided with a third car near Lake Junction, Shrewsbury.

The injured man William McKenzie, 35, of 144 Park street, Albany, N. Y.; Mrs. Nellie McKenzie, 59, same address; Ralph McKenzie, 28, 464 Chestnut street, Philadelphia; Mrs. Alice McKenzie, 25, same address, and Chester A. Richardson of 67 Fayette street, Waterville.

Mr. Richardson is in Worcester city hospital with a possible fractured skull and is reported in fair condition. All the McKenzies are in Memorial hospital suffering from cuts and bruises caused by flying glass and are reported not seriously injured. Ralph McKenzie was the most seriously hurt, and two cuts in his face had to be closed by stitches.

Pursued Driver Escapes
The driver of the car directly responsible for the accident escaped to Boston when the McKenzies and Richardson cars collided.

Officer Sanborn was walking in Belmont street, near Lake avenue, when the unknown car nearly ran him down. The driver paid no attention to the officer's shouts to stop, and as the McKenzie car came into view, the driver stopped it and asked that the driver chase the fleeing car, taking his place on the running board and explaining his reason for the chase as the car was driven over the Lake bridge into Shrewsbury.

As the McKenzie car neared Lake Junction, Officer Sanborn tried to take his revolver from his hip pocket to fire after the fleeing driver, but the younger Mr. McKenzie asked him not to fire, as the shot would awaken their baby asleep in his mother's arms.

Car Skids into Wreck
A second later the Richardson car approached from Boston and both cars turned out to pass when the Richardson car skidded on the icy roadway and crashed into the McKenzie car.

Sanborn, on the running board, between the two machines, was crushed almost beyond recognition. The collision forced the McKenzie car off the road into a telephone pole, against which it was wrecked, and the Richardson car was sent to the opposite side of the road, where it also was wrecked.

A passing tourist helped the injured from both wrecks and notified the police, who took the injured to the hospital.

The McKenzie baby, in his mother's arms, escaped injury.

AUTOMOBILE LAW VIOLATORS FINED

Medford Haverly, who was arrested about a month ago by Patrolman John H. Murphy for operating an automobile while he was under the influence of liquor, appeared in district court this morning and paid a fine of \$100 for the offense. A sentence of 15 days in the house of correction was suspended for six months. For operating without a license, defendant was ordered to pay a fine of \$20.

Augustine Rodriguez was found guilty of driving without a license, and was fined \$20.

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Adjourned Sheriff's Sale

Middlesex, ss. Lowell, December 25, 1924.
The sale of the fixtures contained in the store of CLARK, INC., at 175 MERRIMACK STREET, seized and taken on an execution issued from the District Court of Lowell in the case of Leavy, Berline & Small, Inc., vs. Clark, Inc., has been adjourned to SATURDAY MORNING, DEC. 27, 1924, at 10 O'CLOCK. The fixtures consist of a large oak mirror, a large oak and base of six drawers; one six-foot oak counter with three drawers; one twelve-foot oak counter with 12 drawers; and two large oak wall cases with sliding doors. The property will be sold in separate lots to the highest bidder for cash.

ELIZABETH J. LAROCHE, Deputy Sheriff.

NEW UNITED STATES DISTRICT ATTORNEY NAMED

Plunged Through Ice After 50 Foot Fall

MOLLOY FOR NEW NO-SCHOOL SIGNAL

LOWELL BOY ON CRUISE TO SOUTH AMERICA WITH PERSHING

Timothy Sullivan of Walnut Street, Radioman on the U. S. S. Utah, Writes Interesting Letter to Head of Local Navy Recruiting Station

Chief Frederick, in charge of the navy recruiting station, has received an interesting letter from Timothy Sullivan of 27 Walnut street, now serving in the navy as radioman aboard the U. S. S. Utah, which is taking General John J. Pershing on a cruise to the principal ports of South America.

Sullivan outlined through the local station on December 15, 1923, as follows:

WILL SECURE NEW NO-SCHOOL SIGNAL IF GIVEN AUTHORITY

Supt. Hugh J. Molloy Expresses Willingness to Correct Old Fashioned and Bothersome System if School Committee Will Grant Him Permission to Do So

Supt. of Schools Hugh J. Molloy, in a statement to The Sun today, expressed a willingness to take upon himself the obligation of securing a suitable no-school signal within a reasonable time, if the school committee will grant him such permission.

Mr. Molloy's statement was made as a result of an article appearing in The Sun last Friday calling attention to the need of a no-school signal in this city which would do away with the headquarters being the center from which telephone information concerning the sounding or non-sounding of the signal is given. His statement follows:

BRINDALL REARRESTED

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Brindall was released on \$5000 bail after arraignment before a federal commissioner who went to prison. He later left on a train for New York City.

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BIG RUSH ON FOR 1925 MOTOR CAR PLATES

The grand rush for 1925 motor car number plates and licenses or equivalent of license to operate vehicles of the gasoline engine propelled type, is on today at the state registrar's branch office in the Municipal building, City Hall square.

Tardy registrants of motor vehicles of all kinds, from owners of Ford

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NEW JERSEY WETTEST STATE

Sixty-seven Raids and Seizures There in Last Few Days, Says Dry Leader

Chief Yellowley's Assistant Says New Jersey Wettest State in Union

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—New Jersey is the wettest state in the union, William H. Walker, assistant to Chief Enforcement Agent E. C. Yellowley, in command of the New York-New Jersey area, said today. His squad has made 67 raids and seizures in New Jersey in the last few days.

TOWN AND CITY TAXES

Rates Vary From \$11 to \$43 According to State Commission's Report

Lowell's Rate Considerably Above the Average—Some Interesting Figures

Figures just made public by Henry P. Long, state commissioner of taxation, show that town and city tax rates in Massachusetts for 1924 vary from \$11 to \$43 per thousand and that the average rate is \$27.71. Based upon this figure, then, Lowell's rate of \$29.40 is \$1.69 above the average.

The towns of Orleans and Gosnold share the honor of the lowest rate, \$11.

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N. Y. AND BOSTON CLEARINGS
NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Exchanges \$579,000,000; balances \$103,000,000.
BOSTON, Dec. 26.—Exchanges \$65,000,000; balances \$28,000,000.

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FELL 50 FEET FROM GIRDER

Iron Worker Plunged Through Ice Into Connecticut River at Springfield

Battled for His Life Five Minutes Before Being Rescued by Workmen

SPRINGFIELD, Dec. 26.—Thomas Hughes, an iron worker, fell 50 feet from a girder on the new North End bridge today and plunged through the ice into the Connecticut river, where he battled for his life five minutes before being rescued by fellow workmen. He was removed to a hospital, where it was said that the extent of his injuries would not be known for 24 hours.

CHILDREN ENTERTAINED

Memorial Auditorium Scene of Happy Gathering This Afternoon

Children of St. Patrick's Parish Are Guests of Rev. Dr. McGarry

Memorial Auditorium was the scene this afternoon of a merry gathering of youthful frolickers who romped and enjoyed themselves to their heart's content as the guests of their pastor, Rev. John J. McGarry, D.C.L., of St. Patrick's parish. In turn, and as a special favor the youngsters played host to the children of the Greek

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BROOKLINE MAN GETS PLACE

To Succeed Harris, Removed By Pres. Coolidge When He Refused to Resign

Williams Took Part in Prosecution of Vanzetti-Sacco Case in 1921

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—District Attorney Harold P. Williams of Norfolk and Plymouth counties, today was recommended by Senator William M. Butler to be United States district attorney to succeed Robert O. Harris, who was removed recently by President Coolidge.

Senator Butler made the announcement that he had recommended Mr. Williams as he left the executive offices at the state house after a two-hour conference with Governor Cox. He declined to discuss further the situation in the United States attorney's office here.

Robert O. Harris of Brookline was removed from office by order of President Coolidge Dec. 3 after he had refused to resign under criticism by the attorney general's department of his conduct of liquor cases. The office has since been vacant, while a number of names have been considered in connection with the appointment.

Mr. Williams as an assistant to Frederick C. Katzmann, then district attorney for the southeastern district, embracing Norfolk and Plymouth, took part in the prosecution of the Sacco-Vanzetti murder case in 1921, and since been in charge of the case for the defense counsel to obtain a new trial. His home is in Brookline.

It was said at the federal building today that District Attorney Williams had made it a condition of acceptance of the federal attorneyship that acting United States attorney Joseph V. Sullivan who resigned three months ago as of Jan. 1, should remain for six months. Mr. Sullivan, whose home is in Middleboro, will then become connected with the district attorney's office in Norfolk and Plymouth counties, which Mr. Williams is vacating. This is in accordance with his original intention when named.

MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR 34 FIRE VICTIMS

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—Robert O. Harris, former United States district attorney, was named today by Judge Anderson in United States circuit court special master to assess damages in the case of the Panther Rubber, McCoy Co. of Boston against the Barrett company of Maine and New Jersey. The action is based on alleged damages resulting from the use of an oil-burner furnished by the defendant company for use in the manufacture of rubber heels.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 26.—(By the Associated Press.) Their dead identified, residents of the Babby Switch district, scene of the Christmas Eve fire that brought death to 31 persons, gathered here today to attend a memorial service. The list of dead was increased today by the death of John Goforth, who had been in a hospital.

The service, set for 2 p. m., will be under the direction of Rev. C. W. Bates, who will be assisted by every other minister in the city. Following this, private individual services will be held for each victim.

Complete identification of the dead has established the fact that the loss of life among the children who were at the little schoolhouse when the Christmas Eve fire broke out was far less than at first believed. Only five small children perished. Nearly half the number of persons in the room were children and their escape is regarded as a tribute to their loaders.

MANY IMPROPER SIGNATURES ON BRIDGE REFERENDUM PETITION

Several Hundred Names Incorrectly Written Already Ruled Out By Election Commission in Beaver Brook Matter—Certification Will Be Finished Monday

A considerable number of names are being crossed off the referendum petition against the Beaver Brook appropriation order by the election commissioners because of improper signatures. Many signatures were careless and either omitted their names with Mr. or Mrs., or abbreviated their given names.

With the work of certification, less than half done at noon today, an estimate of the number of names disallowed because of errors such as mentioned above was set at several hundred.

The board's action in throwing out the names signed with a prefix or abbreviation is not new, members said this morning, but is usual in all such cases where petitions are put before them for certification, the ruling being that names must be signed to petitions as they appear on the voting list if they are to be counted as proper signatures.

As there are over 6000 signatures

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GIRL THROWN ON TO PILOT OF ENGINE AFTER CRASH CARRIED 12 MILES

Wild Ride Until She Fell From Train Into Ditch—Unconscious When Found—Her Husband, His Brother and Latter's Wife Injured, One Fatally

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 26.—Thrown on to the pilot of the Knickerbocker Special, a girl, Big Four passenger train, after the train had crashed into an automobile in which she was riding and injured three members of her family, one fatally, at a crossing here, Mrs. Kenneth Clark, 18 years old of this city, had a wild 12 mile ride last night until she fell from the train into a ditch near Oaklandon, Ind. Although unconscious when found a short time later by a farmer, she was not seriously injured, suffering only from exposure from the sub-zero

DRY AGENTS SUSPENDED

Laid Off Pending Probe Into Firing of Shots at Auto Containing Dancers

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—Pending conclusion of an investigation into the firing of shots by prohibition enforcement officers at an automobile containing a party of dancers near Hyde, N. H., on the night of Dec. 16, prohibition agents Austin Ellingwood, James M. Kemp and Ralph M. Stevens today were suspended. It was learned that the shots took effect, but Miss Helen Kendall of Newburyport was cut about the head, and all three of the agents were reported hurt in a collision of automobiles when the prohibition officers cut in across the road in front of them and that as this device had been used by hold-up men on that road, they put an full speed ahead to escape.

There was no loss of life as at the time the fire was discovered, the inmates were gathered in the living room on the first floor after returning from the dining room in another structure. Attendants led them to places of safety in other buildings of the institution.

GAGE COMPANY READY FOR ICE HARVEST

The Daniel Gage company's forces are prepared to start cutting ice at Lakeview, and either Forge Village or Baptist pond, next Monday morning. Ten-inch thickness, clear and solid ice was reported today at the ice field in Lake Mascouche. Baptist pond ice is 2 inches thick and getting rapidly

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MISSING PLANE SIGHTED
RED BLUFF, Cal., Dec. 26.—An airplane, believed to be that flown by Lieutenants Kelly and Miller, which left Vancouver Barracks, Wash., at 10 p. m. yesterday, passed over Red Bluff between 1 and 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, flying high and fast.

JOHN J. HAYES
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Mortgagee's Sale of Real Estate
On Saturday, December 27, 1924, at 2 P. M.

By order of the mortgagee, I shall sell at Public Auction on the premises five kitchenette apartments and a garage for eight machines (together with residential section) in the very heart of the Highland modern improvements, is steam heated, and has a slate roof. This is an unusual opportunity to purchase a good parcel of property in an excellent locality at unrestricted sale. Terms will be made known at sale.

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The Annual
After
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SALE
Opened This
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9 O'Clock



Have You Been Waiting for Markdowns On Our Fine Selected Coats and Dresses? After-Christmas Clearance

Our stocks this year form the finest selection of Quality, Style and Value we have ever offered!

Manufacturers Take Big Losses and So Do We
We Have Never Had a Sale When So Many Fine Garments, of the Better Kind, Were Offered at
Such Bargain Prices

Come Today and Saturday—Big Selection—Coats and Dresses Marked Down
The Best Styles---The Best Quality---The Best Values---and the largest selection we ever have been able to offer!

BETTER GARMENTS for LESS

High Grade Coats Reduced

With Lavish Trimmings of Finest Furs

\$35 \$39.50 \$49.50 \$59.50
\$75 \$85 \$110 and \$125

Big Luxurious Fur Collars, Cuffs, Bands or Fronts. On some of the
Better Coats we have taken from \$65 to \$75 markdowns on each
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Plenty of Larger Sizes---All Sizes, 16 to 50 in
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Clearance Dresses

Over Three Hundred Beautiful Dresses
Marked Down to

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\$36.75 \$45

The BEST DRESS VALUES we have ever offered, because the styles
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Every Dress Is Marked at an Unusual Bargain!
Plenty of All Sizes.

We have more Beautiful Styles than we have ever been able to offer before—and they are
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About 20 Ensemble Suits of the Better Kind—at
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ANY SKIRT in our stock
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FRATERNAL NEWS

December meeting of Lowell Lodge, Loyal Order of Moose, was held Wednesday evening in Odd Fellows building with Dictator John L. Sullivan presiding.

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"My three children suffered with large eruptions that started with a reddish circle about the size of a quarter. Later they formed blisters and broke and itched considerably. Their faces were covered with sore eruptions and their clothing aggravated the breaking out. They could not sleep and cried with the pain caused by the constant itching and burning."

"I sent for a free sample of Cuticura Soap and Ointment and after using I noticed a vast improvement. I purchased more and in two weeks they were healed." (Signed) Mrs. Muriel Eddy, 65 Second St., E. Providence, R. I.

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XMAS OBSERVANCES IN LOCAL CHURCHES

The feast of Christmas was elaborately and extensively observed in all the churches of the city with midnight services Wednesday and impressive ceremonies yesterday morning and last evening.

Decorated in festive beauty the altars of the churches with their garlands of poinsettias and greenery interspersed with myriads of lighted candles and vigil lights presented a scene of colorful harmony.

Elaborate musical programs featured the midnight services and in several of the churches the midnight inns were followed by a low mass during which Christmas carols were sung by the choirs. In all the churches augmented vested choirs rendered appropriate hymns while in some orchestras played special music for the midnight celebration.

Yesterday low masses were in order with the last mass being a solemn high mass at which special musical programs were rendered.

Last evening and in some churches yesterday afternoon solemn vespers were held and again the musical programs were featured.

At St. Ann's Episcopal church and St. John's church as well as in other churches Christmas eve devotions were held while yesterday specially arranged musical and devotional programs were in order. Evening services were held last night in some of the churches.

Christmas this year was most religiously observed and the sermons delivered, appropriate to the occasion were most inspiring.

LAWRENCE STREET CHURCH

Lawrence Street P. M. church members conducted their annual Christmas exercises in the church auditorium, Wednesday evening, the program being very attractive and bringing out a large attendance. Yuletide decorations were in order and elaborate exercises commemorative of the glad day were carried out successfully under the direction of Miss Marion Morris and Misses Irene Peal and Elizabeth Richards.

CAROL SERVICES

Carol services were featured by members of the vested choir and pupils of the Sunday school, in a Christmas eve program presented in St. John's Episcopal church, Rev. Henry Quimby, rector, conducted the service. Frank W. Davis had charge of the

musical program and Wallace Logan was organist. There was a Christmas tree celebration in the parish house for children afterward.

WILL HOLD ANNUAL LADIES' NIGHT

At the regular meeting of Club Cloyons Americans held Wednesday evening, final arrangements were made for the annual Ladies' night on New Year's eve. The amusement committee, Chairman Fernando Lagassee in charge reported that plans were well under way for the initial entertainment of the New Year. These New Year eve celebrations are always most enjoyable and a special program has been arranged for this year's affair. The committee on the chess tournament reported favorably on arranging another series of games in the near future. Narciso Voucher and Eugene Piquin are in charge of this feature. Remarks of general interest concluded the evening's meeting. A special meeting of the entertainment committee will be held Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock, at which all members are asked to be present.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Y's Men's club provided its annual Christmas party for orphan boys of the city, in the hall of the "Y," Wednesday evening. Seventy-five boys were entertained and the Christmas tree exercises brought articles of wearing apparel, candy and fruit to the guests. Refreshments were served afterward. Those who conducted the party were Joseph E. Hollingsworth, Archibald D. Grant, Arthur Bowden, Norman H. Farman and Oscar Grahm.

Money Talks

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We'd like to have you get into the spirit of this SALE with the same enthusiasm with which we have entered into it. If you are as keen for savings as we are for Clearance you'll dig deeply into the economy, just as we have dug deeply into the reductions.

\$28 \$33 \$43

You'll find magnificent overcoats with prices leveled to the figures usually attached to qualities of much lower grades.

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Fresh Stocks for Saturday!

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Coats
\$37

Gigantic price concessions obtained by C. & W. buyers from manufacturers starting to promote their spring lines and desirous of clearing all remaining winter stock, this is the secret of our annual offering. This is what it means to you! You can buy your new coat at about 1/2 first-of-the-season prices—and with the bulk of winter still before you. The quality and style of these wonderful coats! Only the finer grade fabrics are used, graced with such furs as Beaver, Squirrel, Mink, Wolf, Opus-sun and Fitch.

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LOWELL'S OBSERVANCE
OF CHRISTMAS DAY

In Lowell yesterday, the Yuletide observance was marked with impressive manifestations of a sense of the religious significance of the anniversary and with the traditional foregathering of happy families to celebrate in the manner now an established custom. Whether in attendance upon church services or in the exchange of gifts around a heavily-laden tree, the Christmas spirit was manifest and good will to fellow men hopefully was born anew, or reconstructed in anticipation of the dawn of another year.

The church services in the city were glorified by the presentation of elaborate musical programs proclaiming the joy of the Messiah's birth. Masses were held at the usual Sunday hours and record congregations attended.

As it always will be and as it always should be, yesterday was a day of days for children and in their joy parents and grown-ups also found complete satisfaction. Before dawn came the youngsters were awake after a night of sweet dreams in which visions of sugar plums danced in their heads and until night drew down its curtain Santa Claus was the most talked of person in the land. To destroy this faith should be punishable with swift, sure strokes.

As has been the custom in Lowell for the past several years, the municipal observance of the anniversary took

place on Christmas eve, the beautiful Memorial Auditorium lending itself admirably to the presentation of an impressive program of carol and community singing. The attendance was not as large as in some other years, but a fine spirit touched the exercises and made them as significant as any ever held. Church choirs and soloists raised their voices in the program and the audience joined with them in the singing of the more familiar tunes associated with Christmas.

Previous to the exercises Lowell Musicians' association band gave a concert at the foot of the municipal tree outside the Auditorium, attracting many before the exercises were begun at 8 o'clock.

The municipal program opened with an organ prelude by Wilfred Kershaw and Mayor Donovan expressed the compliments of the season. St. Anne's Episcopal church surprised choir sang three carols under the direction of William C. Heller and ended by presenting Mozart's Gloria from the Twelfth Mass. Master John Payne was a soloist in the beautiful "Holy Night" carol.

The First Congregational church choir and the choir of the Holy Trinity church, the former under the direction of Harry Hopkins and the latter led by Miss Stephanie Urbanek, added other carols and traditional tunes and the High School band gave spirited selection under the guidance of John J. Gilman. A solo by Andrew A. McCarthy and a group of anthems by the choir of the Swedish Lutheran church, Miss Mildred Anderson, conductor, were followed by community singing led by

Miss Inez Field Damon of the State Normal school.

The choir that took part in the exercises at midnight began a tour of the residential sections of the city for carol singing in the open air and many homes were hospitably opened to them.

CELEBRATION OF
JEWISH FESTIVAL

In celebration of the Jewish festival, Chanukah, an excellent concert of Jewish music was given in Liberty hall, Memorial Auditorium, last evening, attendance being large and the program pleasing all who gave their support to the offering. Leading Jewish singers at the concert appeared in the musical number presentations. Rabbi David M. Skolof of Boston spoke on religious education.

The program brought Prof. Boris Moros, pianist, composer of Boston; Rev. David Brodsky, baritone, cantor of the Congregation Beth El of Boston, who sang in Hebrew, Yiddish and English; Rev. I. G. Glockstein, lyric tenor, cantor of Temple Mishkan, well known Russian opera singer.

CAROLS PLAYED
IN CHURCH BELFREY

Carols were played by musicians from the belfry of the Catholic church in Chelmsford Centre, on Christmas eve. A quartet of handbells, F. Mackay, G. Thomas Parkhurst, Herman Olson and Andrew Jorgenson, gave the program of four numbers. Chelmsford villagers later sang old-time Christmas hymns and groups of singers afterward went about the village, singing before the homes of shut-ins. Luncheon was served to the celebrators in town hall. Walter H. McMahon was chairman of the general committee handling the Christmas eve celebration. There was a community tree on the common.

ANNUAL YULETIDE PARTY

The annual Yuletide party of the League of Catholic Women will be held in Liberty hall this evening and promises to be most entertaining. The committee in charge has been working incessantly the past weeks to put things over successfully this evening and indications point to an evening of general enjoyment. The decorations beautifully in the season's fancy while the refreshment committee will serve a delightful collation during intermission. Mrs. Stephen Garrity is general chairman of the affair and she is assisted by several committees and arrangements comprised of members of the league.

CRESCENT HILL ASSOCIATION

The annual Christmas tree celebration by members of the Crescent Hill association, Inc. was held yesterday afternoon and about 300 children were the members' guests and were treated to a program of entertainment and gifts of delicacies. The committee in charge of the party, consisted of James Manning, Fred Leoran, Edmund Anaido, Leo Major, John Burasso and Joseph Terry, assisted by the rest of the members.

HELD FIRST ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS TREE

Through the generosity of the members and friends of the Centralville East End club, several hundred children were made happy yesterday afternoon on the occasion of the first annual Christmas tree celebration under the auspices of the fast-growing Centralville organization. President Ralph Holt enacted the role of Santa Claus, and from the large tree in Varnum park he took gifts of candy and toys and distributed them to the children.

The Christmas tree, erected for the first time in Varnum park, was lighted Christmas eve and was one of the most inspiring holiday sights in the city. In addition to the gifts distributed at the tree, over 100 baskets of eatables were presented to worthy families in the district. This was made possible through generous donations on the part of the business men and friends of the organization, including substantial gifts from the Cunningham Fire club, and representatives Charles H. Slowe and Patrick P. Nestor.

The committee in charge of the affair consisted of Thomas F. Duffy, chairman; James Cawley, John Carroll, Frank Smith and Otto Parthol.

GREEN RIVER MEN
IN FEDERAL COURT

Representatives of the Green River Men, including Charles Bloom and Edward Blank of Lowell, William Teeman of Haverhill and George Carr of Haverhill, were arraigned in federal court at Boston on Wednesday charged with selling utensils designed for the manufacture of liquor. After pleas of not guilty the case was continued for trial.

The case is in a nature of a test and relates to the sale of sugar, malt, extract, barley, corn, bottles, cups and cappers, etc. The Green River Co. operates stores in Lowell, Lynn, Lawrence and Haverhill.

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First Time in Lowell

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"Ridin' Double"

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NEW YEAR'S EVE

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SUNDAY SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT

Sunday school pupils of Centralville M.E. church were entertained in the vestry of the edifice with a Christmas party and presentation of gifts, last evening. Santa Claus appeared and the program also included the singing of hymns and the presentation of a playlet. Rev. Thomas T. Johnson, Superintendent Joseph P. Garmon and Charles Hill had charge of the general arrangements. Mrs. Garmon, May Deakle, George Anderson, Avoris Hutchinson, Alice Whitman and James Looram appeared in the play.

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CHRISTMAS CROWDS
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A PERFECT SHOW
But 2 Days Remains For You
To See It, Get Tickets Now

COMING NEXT WEEK

Jerry and Her
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MIDNIGHT FROLIC
BEST EVER—AT 11.15 P. M.

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have ever seen."

That's putting it pretty strong;
all we can say is, that for team-
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Golden Beaver and Natural Squirrel Trimmed
High Grade

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Sized to 46

50 Fur Trimmed Coats

Formerly selling from \$79.50 to \$92.50

January Clearance Sale

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This group of good values includes many one-of-a-kind styles. The materials are mostly the fashionable suede finish and have collar and cuff sets of Beaver, Natural and Viatka Squirrel and Black Fox. Colors: Penny, Kaffir, Brown, Cinnebar, Grey, Black.

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Beautiful Suede
Fabric CoatsWith sets of Beaver, Natural Squirrel,
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Satin Canton and
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A Special Group of Coats

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With full-furred sets of Australian opossum and Jap Weasel; some with extra large collars of Beaver and Natural Squirrel.

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All excellent values, in all the newest winter colors. One-half the lot consists of a special purchase of imported mixtures.

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Chameen and
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Dresses

Sized 8 to 14 years

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Colors: Navy, brown, copen,
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A vast assortment of striped and plain colored flannels, in rust, cranberry, green, tan, montery and powder blue. Poirer twills in navy, black and brown.

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Girls' Winter
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Dresses of higher grades, ranging in price from \$42.50 to \$59.50, have been reduced to

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This lot includes our entire stock of model silk and wool dresses.

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MISS MARY DILLON

BY HORTENSE SAUNDERS
NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The feminine (NEA Service Writer)
counterpart of the Alger newsmagazine president here has been found in Brooklyn, New York. She is "Miss" Mary Dillon.

It took her just 21 years to rise from clerk in the office of the Brooklyn borough comptroller to general manager and vice president. She still is under 40, and looks it.

"Women have discovered the possibilities of the commercial world," she says "and they must get away from the idea it is feminine and womanly to hang back and be urged to do things," she adds.

Although she is known as Mary Dillon, she really is Mrs. Henry Parker, after 3 p.m. each day. "I retain my maiden name in business because I had become very well known."

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS TREE

The annual Christmas tree party of the children of the Sunday school of St. Paul's M. E. church in Third street, Wednesday evening, was a huge success. Santa Claus appeared in his usual role and distributed gifts from two decorated trees. Miss Frances Scott, Miss Bernice Rugg, Miss Virginia Rugg, Leslie Gibb and Miss Mabel Leslie took part in the entertainment. Miss Louise Drew was the pianist.

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CHRISTMAS CHEER AT THE ORPHANAGES

The orphanages of the city were the scene yesterday of merry gatherings as the many children enjoyed the gifts left by old Kris Kringle the night before. In all the institutions, a fine Christmas dinner with all the fixings was served while during the afternoon, ice cream and sweets were disposed of to the great delight of the youngsters.

At the Ayer home an entertainment was held yesterday morning, while in the evening the children enjoyed a Christmas tree party at the Pawtucket Congregational church.

At St. Peter's orphanage the day was opened with the celebration of mass at which all attended in a body. Christmas carols and general sociability followed and gifts were exchanged. After a beautiful turkey dinner games were played and visitors entertained. Vesper services were attended in the late afternoon.

The O'Leary Home in Hoxford square was the scene of a merry group yesterday as the children gathered about the huge Christmas tree bedecked with gifts, and received from the hands of Santa Claus, gifts of descriptions as well as candies and other sweets.

The patroness of the home, Mrs. O'Leary, was very generous this Christmas and it is due to their generosity that yesterday was celebrated as it was. Gifts were in order throughout the day and included food and articles of clothing for the children.

On Jan. 1 the home will celebrate its 23rd anniversary and it is the desire of the patron, Mrs. O'Leary, that the people will visit the children on that day especially.

LOWELL MAN BACK FROM CONVENTION

William Larkin, prominent in American Federation of Labor circles who attended the recent national convention of the organization held in El Paso, Texas, has returned to his home, 35 Thirteenth street. He went to Texas as a delegate from the grand lodge of the International Association of Machinists and spent about seven weeks in convention work and also visiting various machinist lodges in the Lone Star state. He also went with American labor union leaders and members. At the joint session, enthusiasm was strong. Four hundred delegates attended the A.F. of L. convention.

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COMMUNION AT ST. ANNE'S CHURCH

One of the most impressive services of the season commemorative of the birth of Christ in the manger at Bethlehem, was the regular Christmas eve communion at St. Anne's church, held Wednesday night from 11 p. m. until 12:15 yesterday morning. When the half-hour chime service ended, the ancient parish edifice was well filled with members and guests.

Special Christmas music included "Holy Night," "Oh, Come All Ye Faithful," and "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," given by more than 20 girls of the Guild of St. Cecilia, under the direction of William C. Heller. Communion was served during the service and Rev. Appleton Grantham, D.D., spoke on the true meaning of Christmas, concluding the devotions.

CHILDREN ENTERTAINED

The children of the church school of the Pawtucket Congregational church were entertained at a Christmas party yesterday afternoon when over 200 children gathered and made merry with Santa Claus. A pageant "December" was given by the older children in which several of the Ayer Home boys and girls participated. Gifts were distributed and sweets and favors were features of the afternoon's program.

HIGHLAND M.E. CHURCH

Annual Christmas tree exercises for the Sunday school children of the Highland Union M. E. church, were held yesterday afternoon in the vestry of the edifice. Toys were guests and gifts were distributed from a large decorated spruce tree.

Young people took part in the entertainment program, readings being given by Helen Timmins, Barbara Green, George and Norman Archer, Clinton Eklund and Marjorie Downs. Songs were sung by Viola and Hazel Bent and Clifford White. The party was held under the direction of Mrs. Nina White, assisted by the teachers in the church school.

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1000 CHILDREN GUESTS OF BROADWAY CLUB

The Broadway Social and Athletic club played host to 1000 children of the "Aero" yesterday, with Peter Brady acting as Santa Claus in the distribution of gifts to the boys and girls.

A large Christmas tree, elaborately decorated in the season's colors, bore dolls, toys, fruit, candy and other rare gifts which were generously contributed for the occasion by kind-hearted friends of the organization. The committee in charge of the celebration consisted of James Neeson, Michael Molloy, William Porey, Daniel Coakley and John Cummings.

The annual Christmas eve celebration of the club was held Wednesday night with outdoor and indoor features. The big Christmas tree on the grounds of the club at Cross, Fletcher and Willie streets, was brilliantly illuminated.

James Neeson, chairman of the committee, opened the exercises at midnight with an address of welcome to more than 300 visitors, including guests from Lawrence, Haverhill, Nashua, Malden and other cities.

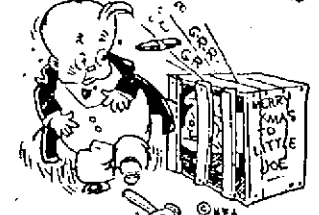
Although the electric lighting system went out of commission during the evening, the celebrators secured

candles and carried out the remainder of the program with added enthusiasm. In the club-rooms, the following program was conducted: Piano selection, Francis Redding; solo, Fred Cummings; address, William A. Walsh, president of the club; song and dance, Miss Mae Conway; vaudeville sketch, Dall and Kelly.

The program was suspended at 11:30 o'clock to allow the members to attend midnight mass at St. Patrick's church. After mass, the festivities were continued until 4 o'clock in the morning.

LITTLE JOE

ONE OF THE SURPRISES OF CHRISTMAS MORNING IS OPENING PRESENTS AND FINDING IT ISN'T WHAT YOU KNEW IT WAS



LOCAL ROTARIANS PLAY SANTA CLAUS

Lowell Rotarians played Santa Claus to nearly 1000 boys, at Rotary club on Dutton street, Wednesday evening. It was the biggest Yuletide celebration in honor of Lowell Youth ever conducted by the members of the local fraternal organization.

Maj. Walter H. Jeyes, superintendent of the boys' club, presented each boy with a bag containing candy, oranges, apples, chocolates and small toys. More needy youngsters were given stockings, caps, underwear, blouses, blankets and shoes. Landing members of the Rotary club contributed liberally to the cause. Some gifts came from persons outside of club circles.

The celebration program included the singing of carols, salute to the flag and singing of "The Star Spangled Banner" in unison. Among those who supervised the program were: Arthur C. Spaulding, president of the Rotary club; Fred C. Church, president of the boys' club; Robert W. Thompson, Allan M. Dunias, John Thomas, William N. Goodell and other members of the Rotary club.

ST. PETER'S ORPHANAGE

St. Peter's orphanage was not destitute of merriest Christmas eve when a group of enterprisers in charge of Miss Elizabeth Dwyer and Miss Mary

Barnett presented an elaborate program, as follows: Carol singing; violin solo, Joseph Johnson; reading, Madeleine Johnson; piano solo, Mary Bennett; reading, Susan Green; piano solo, Irene Wholey; vocal duet, Susan Green and Flora Shinn; song, John Wholey; readings, Eddie Moller, Edie and Thomas Cottier; carol singing.

CHRISTMAS TREE PARTY

Members of the congregation of the Worthen Street Baptist church held their annual Christmas tree party in the church auditorium last night. Burton H. Wiggin impersonated Santa Claus with an acme of perfection. Christmas carols were sung and an informal address was made by Rev. Myron D. Fuller, pastor. Samuel F. Smith, superintendent of the Sunday school, was in charge of the celebration.

DISTRIBUTED SHOES

Lowell Humane society participated in the 1924 Christmas giving campaign by distributing shoes to local families in need of footwear. Numerous children received useful articles of this kind from the society representatives. Agent Charles F. Richardson distributed the gifts after visiting a number of homes on a charitable tour to ascertain what might be done to bring some measure of Christmas relief to needy persons.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL
A pleasant Christmas tree festival was held at the Matthews Memorial church Wednesday night. There were about 350 people present to partake of the festivities. Lester Prescott played Santa Claus and distributed gifts of every description.

on of their esteem. Mr. Perkins has been manager of the moving picture playhouse for the past month.



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Children's Winter Coats—Blue, tan, red and grey; sizes 2-6; values up to \$7.00. Clearance price \$3.95
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Radio Graphs

RADIO BROADCASTS

WEEI, BOSTON
 6.30 p. m.—Sinfonians orchestra.
 7 p. m.—Big Brother club meeting.
 7.45 p. m.—Lady of Lourdes church choir.
 8.15 p. m.—Sportsmanship, Captain P. R. Creed.
 8.30 p. m.—Concert.
 9 p. m.—Same as WEEI.

WNAO, BOSTON
 6 p. m.—Children's half-hour.
 6.30 p. m.—Chorale lun orchestra.
 8 p. m.—Music.

WHZ, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.
 7 p. m.—Market report.
 7.05 p. m.—Health talk.
 7.15 p. m.—Book review.
 7.30 p. m.—Vocal and instrumental concert.
 8.05 p. m.—Time—weather reports.

WGY, SCHENECTADY
 6 p. m.—Market quotations; news.
 6.30 p. m.—Children's stories.
 7 p. m.—Sunday school lesson.
 7.30 p. m.—Health talk.
 7.45 p. m.—Vocal and instrumental concert.
 8.30 p. m.—Music Box orchestra; reading.

WGI, MEDFORD, MASS.
 7.45 p. m.—Boston police reports; music practice; closing stock market reports.
 8 p. m.—Talk by N. R. Cowley.

WEAT, NEW YORK
 4.00 p. m.—Edith Law, soprano.
 4.15 p. m.—Joni Starnes, violin.
 4.30 p. m.—Edith Law, soprano.
 4.45 p. m.—Joni Starnes, violin.

4.40 p. m.—Christmas Story, Mary G. Davis.
 6.00 p. m.—Instrumental quartet.
 7.00 p. m.—Joshua B. Price, baritone.
 7.15 p. m.—Gordon Soule, piano.
 7.30 p. m.—St. Nicholas church choir.
 7.45 p. m.—Gordon Soule, piano.
 8.00 p. m.—Songs and humor.
 8.30 p. m.—Jackson Klusey, baritone.
 9.00 p. m.—Dance orchestra.
 10.00 p. m.—Schubert instrumental.
 10.10 p. m.—Musical program.
 11.00-12.00 p. m.—Palm Beach Orchestra.

WNYC, NEW YORK
 7.30 p. m.—Police reports.
 7.35 p. m.—Board of Estimate meeting resume.
 7.40 p. m.—Tompkins Mallio, piano.
 7.50 p. m.—Timely Topics, P. R. Bent.
 8.00 p. m.—Leon Goldman, violin.
 8.10 p. m.—J. M. White, tenor.
 8.20 p. m.—Leon Goldman, violin.
 8.30 p. m.—J. M. White, tenor.
 8.40 p. m.—Pymond Entertainers.
 10.30 p. m.—Police reports; weather forecasts.
 10.35 p. m.—Hotel Roosevelt Orchestra.

WJZ, NEW YORK
 4.00 p. m.—J. H. Walsh, tenor.
 4.15 p. m.—Joni and Jerome, songs.
 4.30 p. m.—Furn reports; closing quotations of the New York Stock Exchange; foreign exchange quotations; news.
 4.40 p. m.—Park Lane Hotel Orchestra.
 4.50 p. m.—Financial review.
 5.00 p. m.—Samuel Aronson, piano.
 5.15 p. m.—Pavlovna's ballet music.
 5.30 p. m.—Mauritine Opera House.
 5.45 p. m.—Hotel St. George Trio.
 6.00 p. m.—Palm Arts Orchestra.

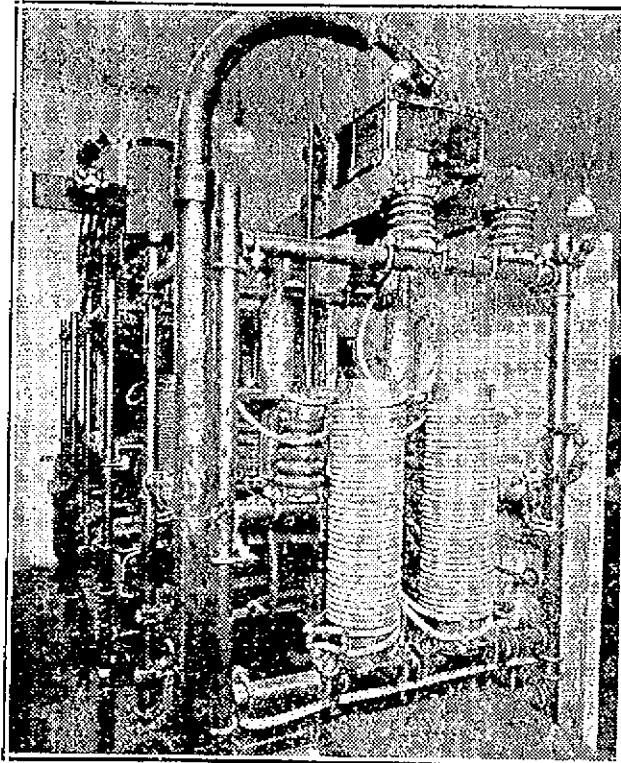


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WJY, NEW YORK
 7.30 p. m.—Greenwich Village Inn Orchestra.
 8.15 p. m.—G. Fitz Simons, tenor.
 8.30 p. m.—Winter Sports in Canada.
 8.45 p. m.—Alfred Wertheim, violinist.
 10.00 p. m.—Radio—The World's Schoolhouse, by Mrs. Eugene Cumisky.
 10.15 p. m.—Virginia Orchestra.

WGSS, NEW YORK
 6.00-6.30 p. m.—Lucie Gebece.
 6.30-7.30 p. m.—Martin's Orchestra.

WHN, NEW YORK
 6.30 p. m.—Almanac Orchestra.
 7.00 p. m.—Richman's Entertainers.
 7.30 p. m.—Crystal Palace Orchestra.
 10.00 p. m.—Fashion talk.
 10.10 p. m.—Harrow and Divine.
 10.25 p. m.—Storage Batteries, H. B. Shultz.
 10.30 p. m.—Roseland Dance Orchestra.
 11.00 p. m.—Vanity Club Revue.
 11.15 p. m.—Vooding's Orchestra.
 12.00 p. m.—Symphonic Clowns Orchestra.

WCAP, WASHINGTON
 7.30 p. m.—To be announced.
 8 p. m.—Science news.
 8.15 p. m.—To be announced.
 8.45 p. m.—W. A. Falconer, stories.
 9 p. m.—Same as WCAP.
 10 p. m.—Wardman park orchestra.

WRC, WASHINGTON
 4 p. m.—Fashion developments.
 4.15 p. m.—Eleanor Glynn, piano.
 4.30 p. m.—Beauty and Personality, Elsie Pierce.
 4.45 p. m.—Willard hotel trio.
 5 p. m.—Children's hour.

WGR, BUFFALO
 6.30 p. m.—Dinner music.
 7.30 p. m.—News.
 8 p. m.—Radio Santa Claus.
 9 p. m.—Concert.
 10.00 p.—Orchestra.
 11 p. m.—Supper music.

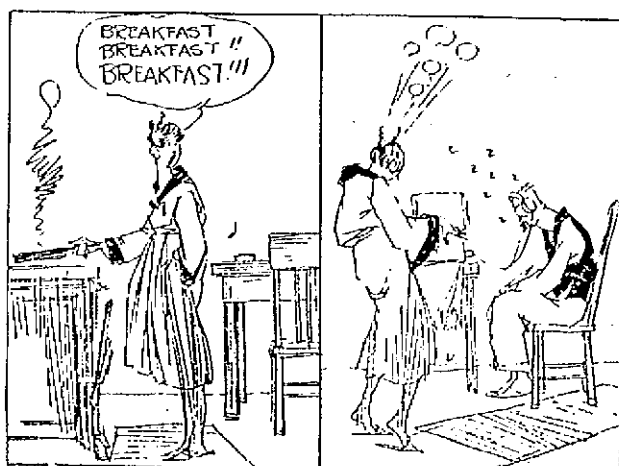
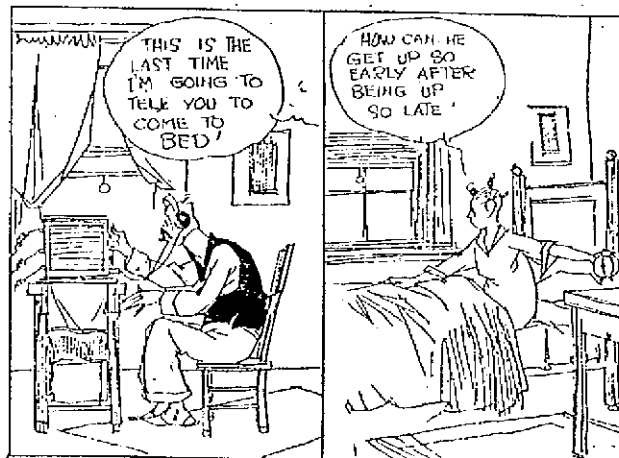
KDKA, PITTSBURGH
 6.15 p. m.—Orchestra.
 7 p. m.—Adams, Mule Quartet.

WLS, CHICAGO
 7 p. m.—Market summary; farm news.
 7.30-11.10 p. m.—Organ; lullaby time; farm program; drama, The Bishop's Candlestick; songs.

WBBM, NEW YORK
 7 p. m.—Theatrical review.
 7.10 p. m.—Eugene De Rosa, songs.
 7.20-7.30 p. m.—Circus quintet.
 8.30-9 p. m.—Macy Brown, Peter De Rosa, Rita Brown, Edward Axt, banjo, violin and piano.
 8.25 p. m.—Harry Harts, songs.
 8.35 p. m.—Ida Lupatino, piano.
 8.50 p. m.—Willbur and Macey, songs.

WABC, RICHMOND HILL
 7.30 p. m.—Elizabeth Lauretzen Campbell Armstrong, Grace De Klyn and Audrey Knauth, piano recital.
 8 p. m.—St. Albans trio; W. J. Neff, baritone; W. F. Morgan, piano; Gene Neff, violin; Williams' Blue Five, vocal and instrumental selections; Chief Minichello, Mohawk Indian.

BUGS



Stories; songs to London accompaniment; Mrs. K. White, soprano.

WOR, NEWARK

6.15 p. m.—Lion Club orchestra.
 6.30 p. m.—Map in the Moon stories.
 7 p. m.—Lion Club orchestra.
 7.15 p. m.—Sports resume.

WOO, PHILADELPHIA

6.40 p. m.—Police reports.
 6.45 p. m.—Grand organ; trumpets.
 7.30 p. m.—Sports resume; police reports; Philadelphia orchestra.
 8.30 p. m.—Studio program.
 9.25 p. m.—Josephine McCulloch, soprano; K. Eddy, baritone.
 9.55 p. m.—Three signals; weather.
 10.05 p. m.—Organ recital.
 10.30 p. m.—Sylvania orchestra.

MUST BE GRADUAL, SAYS MARINE HEAD

BY ISHAKI, ELLEN
 (NBA Service Radio Editor)
 BOSTON, Dec. 23.—Abolition of all ship spark sets, so troublesome to broadcast listeners, would be fine, shipping authorities agree. But—
 It is almost impossible to achieve this end, not only for financial, but for practical reasons.
 George S. Davis, representing the American Steamship Owners' Association and general manager of the United Fruit company, says so. He stressed this point before the radio conference in Washington and again to the heads of all steamship organizations.
 Nevertheless he has given concessions to broadcasters, in the name of the shipping interests, so that

radio fans may listen in with the least possible spark interruption.

Due to present limitation, however, complete spark interference cannot be abolished, says Davis.

Costly Project

"As a practical matter," he points out, "to be compelled to junk their present spark equipment, valued at approximately \$6,000,000, and to replace it with the new continuous wave equipment costing for an expenditure of a like amount, would be a great hardship on the marine interests."

Ultimately, Davis believes, this \$12,000,000 proposal will have to be completed, and it is being undertaken gradually even now.
 "I think that the owners of spark sets must look forward to the day when such equipment must be replaced by the more improved continuous wave equipment," he adds. "This equipment is now available at the same, or only a slightly increased cost over spark equipment. There is also available means for converting spark equipment into continuous wave equipment at a fairly reasonable cost."

"To fail to take advantage of these devices as fast as conditions and circumstances warrant will subject the ship owner or other owner of spark equipment, who interferes with the broadcast listener, to severe criticism from the public."
 Yet Davis cites two purposes for which spark radio-telegraph is indispensable under present conditions. These are for radio beacon signals and radio compass landings.

These, he says, are at present not equipped for CW transmission, and would have to be remodeled before

spark sets could be completely abolished.

"Besides," Davis adds with a concluding touch, "all marine radio personnel, trained in spark telegraphy, would have to be trained over again. Although that, in itself, is hardly a serious deterrent to the replacement of spark by CW."

WHO GETS CREDIT FOR REFLEX?

Who invented the reflex principle? The name of Grimes may be recalled immediately. But William H. Pries, New York radio engineer, objects.

It was he who designed the first reflex set and in fact named it, he says. Of course, La Tour and others in Europe had the idea long before anyone else, but they neglected it and it wasn't made popular until only a few years ago.
 Pries has been manager and vice president in charge of engineering at the De Forest company plant. He has resigned this job to direct his own newly established company, which will soon put out a new five-tube reflex Pries has designed.

PATENTS QUERIED

Now comes a Frenchman, M. Levy, to question the patent rights of Major Edwin H. Armstrong to the super-heterodyne and super-regeneration principles. Levy declares he had these ideas and put them up long before Armstrong had them.

ARMY RADIO NET

The army communication net includes more than 100 army-owned radio stations throughout the United States, and also has several leased lines. It has replaced to a large extent the use of the telegraph.

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Men's Jersey Ribbed Union Suits—Color, cream, "Cooper Brand," sizes 34 to 46; \$2.00 value. Special at \$1.65.

Men's Jersey Ribbed Shirts and Drawers—Cream and silver grey; 79c value. Special at 65c, 2 for \$1.25.

Boys' Jersey Ribbed Union Suits—Random and silver grey, sizes 2, 6, 8, 14 only; \$1.00 value. Special at 59c each.

Men's Flannel Shirts—"Congress Brand," blue and wine shades; \$3.00 value. Special at \$1.50.

Men's Wool Flannel Shirts—Blue and green, "Congress Brand"; \$3.00 value. Special at \$1.98.

Men's All Wool Sweaters—Cont style and V neck, combination color; \$4 value. Special at \$1.98.

Men's Worsted Hose—Oxford and cordovan, reinforced heel and toe; 50c value. Special at 29c pair.

BOYS' CLOTHING SECTION

Boys' All Wool Mackinaws—Dark and medium shades of brown, mink pockets, sizes 8 to 17 years; regular price \$9.00. Special at \$6.95.

Boys' Flannel Suits—Button-on and mildly styles, blue and brown checks, pants lined, sizes 3 to 10 years; regular price \$2.95. Special, \$2.39.

Boys' Silk Stripe Blouses—Light stripes, yoked back and faced sleeves, sizes 10 to 16 years; regular price \$1.00. Special at 79c, 2 for \$1.50.

DRY GOODS SECTION

One Case of Fine Quality Bleached Cotton and Cambric—36 inches wide, in remnants; 10c value. Special at 10c yard.

30 Pieces of Heavy Quality Bleached Domet Flannel—25c value. Special at 15c yard.

Oil Cloth—Table patterns, in assorted designs; 50c value. Special at 29c each.

DRY GOODS SECTION

1000 Yards of Indian Head Suiting—30 inches wide; 32c value. Special at 20c yard.

20 Dozen New Era Seamless Sheets—Bleached, full size, \$1.00, for double bed; \$1.40 value. Special at \$1.00 each.

One Bale of 40-Inch Unbleached Cotton—In large remnants; 17c value. Special at 12½c yard.

90 Pieces of 36-Inch Longcloth—Fine quality for underwear; 22c value. Special at 15c yard.

250 Pairs of Sash Curtains—Made of check marquisette; 39c value. Special at 25c pair.

50 Dozen Pillow Cases—Made of good cotton, spoke stitched; 35c value. Special at 20c each.

One Case of Feather Ticking—In remnants, staple stripe patterns; 29c value. Special at 17c yard.

Mill Remnants of Printed, Striped and Plain Color, Mercerized Satin—39c value. Special at 25c yard.

40 and 42-Inch Pillow Tubing—In remnants, good firm quality; 30c and 42c values. Special at 28c yard.

36 Pieces of Printed Flannelette—In all new patterns for linking-kimonos; 25c value. Special at 19c yard.

1000 Yards of 85 Per Cent Linen Crash—Bleached, in remnants of 2 to 10 yards; 25c value. Special at 12½c yard.

40 Dozen Dish Towels—Made of 30-inch cloth, linen finish; 15c value. Special at 10c each.

Turkish Towels—White with blue borders. Special at 10c each.

One Case of Heavy Two-Thread Turkish Towels—Plain white, also some with colored borders; 45c value. Special at 29c each.

36-Inch Heavy Bathrobe Blanketing—Medium and dark colors, in a large variety of patterns and colors; 80c value. Special at 50c yard.

500 Yards of 36-Inch Black Velveteen—Plain or twill back; \$2.00 value. Special at \$1.00 yard.

2000 Yards of Fine Quality Percale—36 inches wide, in light and dark colors; 19c value. Special at 12½c yard.

Mill Remnants of Heavy Cretonne—30 inches wide, all new designs, in pretty combination of colors; 30c and 50c values. Special at 25c yard.

Mill Remnants of Heavy Outing Flannel—Light and dark colors, also plain colors; 19c value. Special at 12½c yard.

Women's Fleece Jersey Vests—39c to 50c values. Special at 25c each.

Women's Jersey Fleece Union Suits—Regular and extra sizes; 95c value. Special at 69c suit.

Children's Heavy Jersey Fleece Vests and Pants—All sizes; 50c value. Special at 29c each.

Boys' and Girls' Wool Hose—Black with grey heel and toe; 50c value. Special at 29c pair.

30 Dozen Women's Wool Hose—Wide ribbed, black and heather; 50c value. Special at 35c pair.

Sale of Women's Newest Fur Trimmed Coats on easy CREDIT

After weeks of preparation we are ready with a sale of high grade coats at prices that will amaze you. Our easy credit plan is at your service.

Very Newest Creations

Only the newest and most fashionable models are included in this assortment—styles for every type of woman.

Offered Tomorrow at \$29.50

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Fine Fabrics

Such as Exquisite, Velveteen, Velveta, Rayon, Black, Green, Navy, Glanahar, and a host of others.

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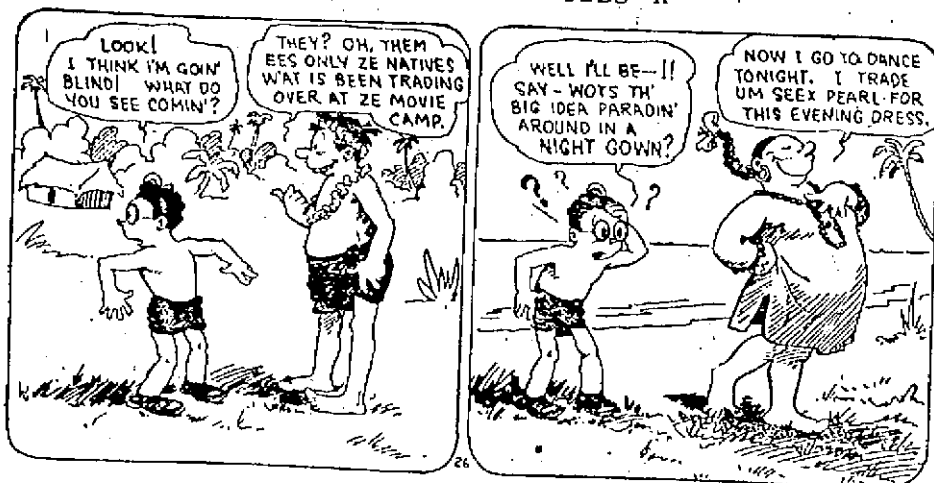
All Sizes

Sizes and styles for women, misses and children. Don't delay but come in tomorrow and make your selection. These coats will go fast at the sale prices.

We Trust You

Let nothing keep you away from this sale for you don't need to come in with cash. Just select the garment you like and pay on terms that suit you. No Red Tape. No Delay.

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Additional 10% Discount On Sales Made Before 10 O'Clock

OLD-FASHIONED CLEARANCE

Prices Back to Pre-War Basis

Thousands of Dollars' Worth of

Gorgeous Apparel at About 1-2 Price

Anybody can have a clearance, but only a Belmont Shop can give such wonderful merchandise at such big reductions. Bear in mind that our STANDARDS ARE HIGH, consequently our values will be high also. Every featured item in our large stocks bears the latest New York stamp of approval, and you can be well assured that your purchase here, now, represents the most, the loveliest your money has ever bought.

You Can Get These Gorgeous \$35

FUR TRIMMED COATS

Fine suede finished fabrics, trimmed with immense collars and cuffs of selected Muskrat and Marmink. Many of these Coats are fashioned of genuine "Steven's" Molana—one of the season's newest and most effective coatings. All are crepe lined and warmly interlined. And there are sizes for everybody.

\$135 DRESS COATS FOR..... \$94

Remarkable \$89 Coats \$69

A wonderful group of smarter Coats fashioned from the finest cashmere yarn fabrics, richly trimmed with such furs as Siberian Squirrel, Mole, Beaver, Marmink and Muskrat. Penny Brown, Kaffir, Black and Grey in sizes for misses or women of generous build.

All Our \$69 Coats, Now \$47

Beautiful Coats—Always \$50, Now \$33

Many have large fur collars and cuffs of Wolf, Sealine, and Opossum. Every Coat is a specially selected style piece, chosen to measure up to the exacting requirements of the Belmont Shop. There are such colors as Cranberry, Brown, Black and Penny from which you may choose.

100 SILK DRESSES

AT ABOUT HALF PRICE!

\$12 - \$14 - \$24

Choice winter styles for street and afternoon. Yes, and there are a few stunning models for evening wear in this splendid selection of Dresses which is priced in three sections, in each case at about half of their original selling figure.

20 MISSES' SILK DRESSES, Worth \$10 \$5.00

10 VELVET DINNER DRESSES, Worth 1-2 Price

SOME MODEL CLOTH DRESSES 1-2 Price \$27.00

Lowell's Most Popular Sweater Store Offers the Lowest Sweater Prices of the Year.

SALE of SWEATERS

\$2.95

For \$5 Kinds

\$3.95

For \$6 Kinds

\$5.95

For \$8 Kinds

\$6.95

For \$11 Kinds

Clearance Sale of WAISTS

150 of Them — Always \$1.95, Now

Fresh Crisp New Merchandise

A few more Blouses—not over 10 dozen in the lot—that will be thrown into the sale to accommodate our old friends. Round or V necks with many Bobbie collars. Both Shirt and Overblouse styles are included, so there will be something that will almost surely meet your needs.

\$1.27

Clearance Sale of SKIRTS

Many at \$7.50

\$4.55

Many at \$9.50

\$5.65

All \$10 Styles

\$6.75

DENIES SHE PUT POISON IN CANDY

Mrs. Hilma Ensminger,
Charged With Attempted
Murder, Reiterates Denial

Issues Joint Statement With
Her Husband—Declares No
Figs in Package

COLUMBIA, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Mrs. Hilma Ensminger, charged in Olean, N. Y., with attempted murder in connection with the illness of Miss Harriet Mosier of Olean, alleged to have been caused by eating poisoned candy sent in a Christmas box to the son of a former wife of George B. Ensminger, in a joint statement with her husband issued through counsel reiterated her previous denial that the candy contained poison.

The statement declared that the package did not contain figs, in which traces of poison also were said to have been found by an Olean bacteriologist. The statement said several pieces of candy, made by Mrs. Ensminger, and other articles, were packed by her and Ensminger. They had eaten heartily of it and had left some which was put in the package.

ENGINEER ON HISTORIC MONITOR DEAD

ELIZABETH, N. J., Dec. 26.—Daniel K. Lester, 86, Civil war veteran and engineer on the Monitor in its historic battle with the Merrimack, died at his home last night of pneumonia.



Sale! 500

SAMPLE HATS

---In Two Marvelously Low
Priced Groups---

\$1.00 AND \$1.98

—Fashionable hats for woman, miss or matron—
strictly fashionable—delightfully trimmed—choice
materials—models made to sell for up to \$7.50.

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**Real
Bargains**

PAINTS, ready mixed, all
colors. Gall. \$2.50

REGULATION ARMY
SHIRTS—Woolen, at
\$2.50 Up

ARMY UNDERWEAR—All
sizes. Suit \$2.25

SHEEPSKIN COATS—Heavy
moleskin, waterproof top,
first quality, \$8 and Up

Full Line of HUNTERS'
COATS, BREECHES, CAPS,
LEATHER PUTTEES, \$3 Up

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BREECHES..... \$4 Up

Full Line of WOOL SWEAT-
ERS, wide range of colors,
many styles.... \$4.50 Up

GENUINE NAVY PEACOCKS
All Sizes

REGULATION ARMY SHOES
\$3.00 Pair and Up

Full Line of WORKING
PANTS \$1.75 Up

VETERANS' ARMY and NAVY STORES

374 MIDDLESEX STREET

SEVEN KILLED BY BANDITS

50 Armed Men-Derail Train,
Kill Woman and Six Sol-
diers, and Sack Express Car

Soldier Guard Put Up Gal-
lant But Futile Resistance
Against Yeggs

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 26. (By the As-
sociated press.)—Fifty armed bandits
on Wednesday night derailed a Laredo
to Mexico City passenger train at El
Cobro, south of Saltillo, killed a woman
passenger and the six soldiers of
the guard and sacked the express car,
according to press despatches, from
Saltillo. Several passengers were
wounded during the fight, in which the
soldier guard put up gallant but futile
resistance.

A military column has been sent from
Saltillo in pursuit of the bandits. A
similar outrage occurred at the nearby
station of Carrosos, last October.

60,000 VISIT GREAT SHRINE OF ST. PETER'S

ROME, Dec. 26.—Streams of the
faithful were still pouring today
through the holy door in St. Peter's,
opened by Pope Pius on Christmas eve
in inaugurating the year of jubilee.
Each one passing through kissed the
side posts from which the door had
been removed. It is estimated that
sixty thousand persons visited the
great shrine of the church on Christ-
mas day.

Children Entertained Continued

community and general sociability and
fun was in order from early after-
noon.

Long before the scheduled time of
commencement, the children crowded
into the beautiful Auditorium and
when the opening number on the
program was given, over 1500 were in
attendance.

The one and only entertainment for
children, a "Punch and Judy" show
was given with plenty of "Punch"
which left poor "Judy" gasping for
breath at the end of the count, there-
by establishing "Punch's" pugilistic
ability.

Stories were also on the program
and wholesome comedies with the
children's favorite "stars" perform-
ing as well as special features were
thrown upon the screen.

To the great delight of the many
guests, candy and ice cream played
an important part on the day's pro-
gram and the kiddies munched hap-
pily at "Punch and Judy" candy as
they called the pictures. Cake, too, was
in evidence, and the end, sad story
of a conquered piece of cake was told
about the rosy mouths of the young-
sters as they gleefully clamored about
the place in childish joy and antici-
pation of "more" goodies. And more
they got, for the reverend clergyman
always makes it an important point
on the entertainment program that
there is plenty and more, too, of the
delicacies.

Musical numbers were also featured
and served their purpose in keeping
the children "enthralled." Generally,
the children were most attentive dur-
ing the entire program, seeming to
know just when and how to show
their appreciation or sorrow, as
in the case of "Punch and Judy," al-
though the boys were quite pronounced
in recognition of "Punch's" con-
quest.

Favors galore in the form of appro-
priate toys were distributed and
proved very popular with the little
guests.

All in all it was the nicest party
many had attended for a long time
and with hearts overflowing with
gratitude akin to the deepest and sin-
cerest of love for their benevolent
pastor, the children left the scene
of their afternoon's pleasures to re-
turn to their homes fairly enveloped
in contentment and the season's hap-
piness, after expressing their appre-
ciation to their kind pastor, Rev.
John J. McGarry, D.C.L.

Lowell Boy on Cruise to So. America With Pershing

Continued
I can cruise so far. We left Boston
November 22, and arrived in New York
the following day. After both sections
had a thirty day cruise in the Pacific
for Panama the 25th. On our first day out
we ran into a storm that lasted
through three days and the old ship
was bobbing around like a cork. I am
surely glad that I am not subject to
seasickness, as quite a few of the crew
were sick. The second night of the
storm we picked up the crew of the
Boston schooner "Albatross." She was
badly battered and in a sinking
condition. These poor fellows were
worn out with their two days struggle
thing except their clothing. When we
put them ashore in Colon, the captain
of the Utah cheered them up by pre-
senting them with a collection taken
up by the crew of the ship.
Upon our arrival at Colon we imme-
diately sailed ship. This was an easy
sailing as it is all done by native
jacks at the port. We left Colon and
passed through the locks at Gatun.
Pedro Miguel and Miraflores, and it

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COMPANY
HOME OF THE GREATEST VALUES

ALL TOYS

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Our Annual

JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE Began Today

EVERY GARMENT in Our Coat and Suit Department

DRASTICALLY REDUCED

The Most Extensive Sale We Have Ever Attempted. This Event Established an Envyable Standard in

REMARKABLE VALUE, GIVING

You'll save many, many dollars at this sale.

Plan to come today and get first choice.

116 WOMEN'S and MISSES' DRESSES—

REDUCED TO \$5
Former prices \$15 to \$20. Good styles, in
jersey, velvet, silk, cloth. Black, navy, brown,
gray.

131 WOMEN'S and MISSES' DRESSES—

REDUCED TO \$10
Former prices \$15 to \$25. Big variety in
twill cord, sport flannel, tricoseam, satin
canton, velvet, canton crepe. Dark colors.

169 WOMEN'S and MISSES' BETTER DRESSES—

REDUCED TO \$15
Former prices \$25 to \$35. Smart models
in silk, cloth, roshanara, twill, satin canton,
canton crepe. Navy blue, brown, black, tan. Some Betty Wales
included at this low price.

WOMEN'S and MISSES' COATS—

REDUCED TO \$15
Former price \$25. Sport and fur trimmed
styles, in cranberry red, black, brown, gray.

SPECIAL GROUP CRANBERRY RED COATS—

REDUCED TO \$19
Former prices \$25 to \$35. Smart new styles,
with good fur trimmings.

PLAIN and FUR TRIMMED COATS—

REDUCED TO \$25
Former prices \$35 and \$39.50. Navy blue,
black, tan, brown. All good models.

SPECIAL AFTER-CHRISTMAS SALE

3500 Men's, Women, Children's

Handkerchiefs

These Handkerchiefs regularly sell for 15c, 10c, 25c and
20c, but because they are slightly counter matted, soiled or
come in odd initials, THEY ARE RE-
DUCED TO 10c

Middle Aisle—Street Floor

FUR TRIMMED COATS—

REDUCED TO \$38
Former prices \$40.50 and \$55. Cranberry
red, brown, black. Richly trimmed with fine
furs.

BEAUTIFUL FUR TRIMMED COATS—

REDUCED TO \$48
Former prices \$50.50 to \$75. Cranberry, navy,
tanpe, brown, black. Collars and cuffs of
wolf, beaverette, muskrat.

LUXURIOUS FUR TRIMMED COATS—

REDUCED TO \$68
Former prices \$70.50 to \$110. Mink, mar-
vella, gerona and other rich fabrics. Collars
and cuffs of mink, dyed squirrel, muskrat, beaver, squirrel, opos-
sum. Colors are penny and saddle brown, cranberry ed, navy,
black.

FUR COATS AND JACQUETTES GREATLY MARKED DOWN

Full Length Sealine Coats—

Former price \$95. **\$79.50**

REDUCED TO

Muskrat Fur Jaquettes—

Selected skins. **\$59**

REDUCED TO

Muskrat

JACQUETTES

With Brown Fox Collars. **\$77**

REDUCED TO

Second Floor

Sealine Jaquettes—

Very stylish. **\$59**

REDUCED TO

Sealine Jaquettes—

With Squirrel Collars. **\$77**

REDUCED TO



MARK-DOWN SALE

All Set—Began at 9 o'clock This Morning—First Class Merchandise at Sacrifice Prices

\$40 Coats, Sale Price . . . \$29 **\$22 Dresses, Sale Price . . . \$15**

\$60 Coats, Sale Price . . . \$39 **\$30 Dresses, Sale Price . . . \$19**

\$75 Coats, Sale Price . . . \$49 **\$40 Dresses, Sale Price . . . \$25**

10 Per Cent Discount on All Fur Coats and Jackettes

Dependable Furs Here Always

53 CENTRAL ST.

NEVERY'S FASHION SHOP

TOP FLOOR



the other side and went before the
king and he presented me with a
certificate stating that from this day
on I was no longer a landlubber but
was a full-fledged shellback. And as
landlubber escapes, though in some
cases the court is bribed by presents
I had the pleasure of watching the
rest of the bunch. It was better than
a circus.

We arrived at Valparaiso, Peru, the 6th
day of December and will stay here
two weeks. I have been ashore twice
and also took a trip to Lima which
is up in the Andes mountains about
30 miles from here. I took my camera
with me and will have a wonderful
collection of snapshots to show you
when I get back to Lowell.

This is a mining country and we
can see the gold, silver and copper
mines and the miners' cabins up on
the mountains from the deck of the
ship. The Peruvians are very friend-
ly though we cannot understand them
very well as they speak Spanish. The
streets are narrow and crowded
though in most cases are kept very
clean, and there are a number of big
public buildings, museums and ca-
theorals, and also some of the poorest
people that I ever saw. A trip like
this would open the people's eyes in
the U. S. What we call poor people
would be pretty well off in these coun-
tries.

When we leave here we go to Val-
paraiso, Chile, and from there through
the Straits of Magellan to Rio
Janero and from there to Boston in
March or April. I am still on the ra-
dio job and think it is the best job
aboard ship. Will be in to see you
on my first leave but remember, you
can never call me a landlubber again
for I have my certificate showing
that I am a full-fledged shellback
signed by Neptune's Rex.

Your old recruit,
TIM SULLIVAN.

PERSONS, INCLUDING SIX OF ONE FAMILY, DIE IN SCHOOL FIRE

"Santa Claus" Struck Candle on Tree and Wooden Building Became Inferno—People of Oklahoma Settlement Set About Sad Work of Internment

MOHART, Okla., Dec. 25. (By the Associated Press.)—All of the 33 victims of the fire which destroyed the schoolhouse during a Christmas Eve entertainment identified, the people of the Babbs' settlement today set about the sad work of internment. Plans for using a common grave, first considered when it appeared identification of all bodies would be impossible, were abandoned last night when the identity of the last victim, a little girl of 11, was established.

NO ROMANCE IN LIFE ON THE BOUNDING MAIN

(By NEA Service)
NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—From a three-masted sailing ship to knighted commander of the White Star Line is the "success story" Sir Bertram Hays will have written when he retires after 41 years at sea, once the liner Mauretania docks at Liverpool.

There has been "more hard work than romance," he asserts—which recalls the lines of Emerson to the effect that "there is romance on every ship but one you are sailing."

A check of his record points, however, to a most romantic career.

Beginning as a poor lad, he learned his sea trade in short order and within half a year was fourth officer



CAPTAIN SIR BERTRAM HAYS

of a ship plying between New Zealand and San Francisco. His first command was the famous old Britannia. In this ship he carried troops to the Boer war and won the king's medal.

He directed the rescue of the crew of the wrecked Norwegian tanker Italos and won another medal. During his war he took three troop ships with 200,000 men through the Dardanelles without a single loss of life and, after the war, was knighted. On one of his trips his ship, the Olympic, sunk two German divers.

But that's all in a day's work, he says. No romance.

So he hopes to find a little romance on dry land now that he's quitting at the age of 60.

For he has never married.

"A sea-faring man has no business to marry," asserts. "It's just fair to the woman."

SONG BIRD OF THE NORTH END DIES IN BOSTON

BOSTON, Dec. 25.—Miss Myra Leveroni, "song bird of the North End," who was one of the stars of the Boston Opera company a decade ago, died today. She had been sick two months. Miss Leveroni was divorced two years ago by Dr. Leon Axel Stern of Worcester, on the ground that she had deserted him ten months after their marriage in 1916.

The daughter of parents in modest circumstances in the Italian colony here, Miss Leveroni attracted attention of masters of music with her rich mezzo soprano voice, and she was sent abroad to study in Naples. Her successes carried her through a debut before the Italian king, and at Covent Garden, London.

SAFEGUARD CHILDREN
When mothers put children on the front porch to play they often return to find the kiddies down the street, their lives being endangered by passing automobiles. A porch gate which can not be unlocked by the youngsters will keep the mom the porch and relieve mother of many of her worries.

SPITZ PIPPIES for sale. Price reasonable. 21 June St.

MOTHERS!

Our entire stock of Girls' and Little Tots' Coats and Dresses at prices that will make you happy.

Third Floor

FIDLER'S Inc.
BOSTON LADIES' OUTFITTERS
92-100 Merrimack Street 43-49 Middle Street

MOTHERS!

Boys' Overcoats, Boys' Suits, Little Fellows' Overcoats and Suits all go at great reductions.

Third Floor

Again We Say

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Saturday and Monday Will Be Money-Saving Days Here

Clearance



COATS \$45

DRESSES \$12

Just 112 Exclusive

COATS

Beautiful Fur Trimmings

We purchased these wonderful garments from a high grade manufacturer who needed cash at once—and when you see them you'll agree they are the best values in years.

Finest Materials—Beautiful Genuine Fur Trimmings—All the Fashionable Colors.

SIZES FOR MISSES, WOMEN and STYLISH STOUTS

\$45

Fidler's—Second Floor

326 Advance Model

DRESSES

For Every Occasion!

You can't think of a new style, a popular color, a desirable trimming effect that isn't included in this remarkable after-Christmas Dress Sale.

ALL BRAND NEW ARRIVALS!

Finest Silk Materials—Soft Velvets and High Grade Cloth Dresses. Sizes for Misses, Women, Stylish Stouts

And just think, they are priced for this sale at

\$12

Fidler's—Second Floor

DRASTIC REDUCTIONS

On Gloves—Hosiery—Neckwear—Handkerchiefs—Underwear—Blouses—Sweaters—Kimonos—Negligees—Bathrobes.

Saturday and Monday will be money saving days to you if you come and see the real honest-to-goodness values at Fidler's.

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THE LOWELL SUN

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NOW FOR BUSINESS

It is safe to say that never before in this city was so much money spent for the Christmas observance as in that of the present year and it was chiefly in the purchase of gifts for distribution to friends. Much has been heard of the industrial depression; but judging from the lavish expenditure of money in Christmas shopping, it would not seem that the hard times have been felt here as much as in most other cities. For this our people have much to be thankful for, but the great drive now is to get back to normal business conditions so that everybody who needs work will be employed. With the beginning of the New Year the local cotton mills are planning an extension of the working hours per week which may be regarded as the first step towards a return to better working conditions. When this condition is realized, the people will breathe easier and will no longer have any hesitation about buying what they need.

Thus the resumption of active operations by the factories will increase the demand for their products and aid them in working toward their full capacity. The post Christmas period is usually dull, yet most of the local mills have made arrangements to increase their working schedule to five days a week but at a reduced wage scale. This is variously viewed by different parties, some claiming that if the mills cannot run at the old rate of wages, it is better to have them run more steadily even at the reduced rate. There is no denying the fact, that the cotton mills are face to face with adverse conditions and the operatives in such a case are the best judges as to the policy to pursue. In a few months it is expected the air will be cleared so that business will be stabilized and the people will know exactly what to expect.

CHEAPER TRANSPORTATION

Transportation by water wherever it offers an advantage over that by land should be encouraged. It is true now as formerly that the railroads endeavor to control transportation by water both inland and along the coasts. That they should gain such control would establish a monopoly which would keep up freight rates already too high.

For this reason, it is important that we should encourage water transportation wherever possible. We have built the Panama canal at great expense. It was a great enterprise, well worth what it cost, but we should take full advantage of the opportunity it offers for comparatively cheap transportation between the Atlantic and Pacific seaboard.

Before congress at the present time there is a measure known as the Gooding bill, the purpose of which is to promote the facilities for water transportation between the east and the west via the Panama canal. It is one that should be supported. It would prevent the railroads from controlling the coastwise trade for their own advantage. It is a measure that should be generally supported in the interests of all the people. It would enable the west to ship its products to the east, whereas the present freight rates are prohibitive and qualify so to the eastern states sending their products to the Pacific.

Cheap water transportation through the Panama canal would benefit the entire country and should be encouraged in every legitimate way.

SMUGGLING OF ALIENS

It is reported that the jails of Vermont are filled with aliens arrested for trying to enter this country in violation of the immigration laws. Some time ago the remigrants engaged the chief attention of the government officials along the border, but now the smuggling of aliens is receiving their main attention.

The violations of the passport provisions of the immigration law are making plenty of business for the federal officers and are taxing the capacity of the jails in the vicinity. It is reported that at Newport, which is the principal point of entry for north-eastern Vermont and New Hampshire, there were so many cases of the infraction of the immigration laws, that 24 of the federal prisoners had to be sent to jail in St. Johnsbury, Vt., to await trial. The prisoners, it is observed, represent about a dozen different nationalities. It is understood that they have been led to the border by immigration bootleggers who exact large sums for smuggling them over the border. This has been going on for over six months and has reached a stage at which the government must adopt rigorous methods in order to stamp out the abuse.

The aliens who are thus lured to adopt illegal methods of getting into this country cannot easily be reached except through their respective governments and the shipping agencies which bring them from Europe and Asia. They are not forbidden to land in Canada; but most of them seem to be quite confident that if they can enter the dominion, they can easily steal across the border into the United States without detection. A limited number might succeed in doing so; but they have been coming in such droves that the government has found it necessary to increase the number of officers with a view to preventing their entrance. In spite of the number arrested, it is alleged that a large number have succeeded in reaching American cities and mingling with the population without attracting any special attention.

IRELAND'S PROTEST

President Cosgrave takes a prompt stand against any scaling down of the scope of the treaty under which the Irish Free State was formed. That treaty had certain shortcomings that made it unsatisfactory to the Irish people. It is evident that no treaty of the kind that permits any division of Ireland, can be satisfactory to the people; but such as it is, it has been accepted and President Cosgrave is determined that its meaning shall not be minimized in order to discriminate against Ireland entering the League of Nations or in any other way whatsoever.

When that treaty was adopted, it was announced again and again by representatives of the British government that the constitution offered to Ireland was practically the same as that of Canada. Apparently Premier Baldwin of England would now put a different construction upon the treaty and make it nearly a domestic agreement between England and one of her colonies whereas the treaty specifically declares that the Free State is a co-equal with England in the British community of nations.

It may be that the British officials who framed the treaty inserted this phrase merely to assist in having the document accepted by Ireland; but regardless of what its purpose was, it is in the treaty, and cannot very well be eliminated or misconstrued.

FALL RIVER MILLS

The mayor of Fall River in conjunction with the merchants, bankers, labor leaders and real estate men, has made an appeal to the cotton mill agents with a view to having the cotton factories that have been shut down for several months, started to work again.

Fall River has suffered a great deal from unemployment as a result of the long shut down in the big cotton textile factories. In this respect, Lowell has been more fortunate than most textile cities during the business depression, which it is hoped is now nearing the end. Even in Fall River there is confidence that the mills will soon resume active operations and call in their idle employees. The prospects of better business in spite of every drawback are jumping up before the people all over New England; and it is confidently hoped that the anticipations in this regard will be realized.

AVERAGE SAVINGS

It is estimated that Americans have an average of \$185 of savings in the banks. That sum seems small; but taken as a whole for the entire population, it amounts to 21,000 millions. The average American, therefore, must realize that if he lost his job or became incapacitated for work, his bank account if no larger than the average would not maintain him long in idleness. That is one of the very grave questions that every citizen in the United States has to consider. It must be understood that a vast number have no bank accounts at all, while a comparatively small number have more money than they can use during an ordinary lifetime in meeting all their requirements.

PRES. WOOD'S VIEW

President Wood of the American Woolen company issued a very encouraging Christmas letter to the thousands of operatives employed by the company. He spoke very optimistically of the prospect of better business during the coming year; and there is reason to believe that his statements are based upon reliable information. It will be recalled, however, that some months ago President Wood made a statement that there would be no cut in wages in the textile industries, and yet wages were cut not only in cotton mills but in several of the woolen mills. But in his recent statement he voices the prevailing sentiment.

The run along the coast continues daily, although the casualties are not regularly reported. There is a considerable force engaged on the coast side and at continually growing expense. The common sense, every-day citizen is beginning to ask whether this state of affairs is to be perpetual and the only logical answer is yes, as long as it offers big profits to the run-runners and fat salaries to a little army of federal officials. Naturally, the business men will speculate on what all these engaged might accomplish if equally active in productive industry.

Speculation has apparently been the ruin of Caleb S. Jackson, former treasurer of the Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway. He invested \$10,000 of the company's money in oil stocks and lost, which probably means that the company loses.

Even small favors are gratefully received and, therefore, the people will appreciate the announced reduction in the price of electric lighting in the homes.

The Rotarians certainly did splendid work in carrying Christmas cheer to children and the...

SEEN AND HEARD

Charged with extortion, a Chester, Pa., man was charged with electricity as he reached for the ransom money.

In Troy, O., the will of Mrs. Honeyman has been set aside because she wasn't sweet to her husband.

Since income tax lists are published, no doubt some will pay too much next time just as a bluff.

A Thought

A man to be converted has to give up his will, his ways and his thoughts.—D. L. Moody.

Nice Little Wood-chuck

Up in Chester, N. H., Charles L. Brown has a nice woodchuck which plays about the house like a cat. It eats with the cats and dogs and does not show any signs of hibernating.

Good Job Vacant

A help wanted advertisement published at Chicago, read as follows: "Male; high wages; dresses provided; comfortable room; with piano and use of automobile."

Sparing the Deer

Four deer and two bucks that were on the railroad tracks when a train came around a curve at Sheffield, Penn., proceeded leisurely ahead of the locomotive for half a mile before turning into the woods. The engineer, rather than injure the animals, proceeded at a snail's pace until they were out of the way.

Very Funny Law

An odd point of English law in regard to shoplifting is that an article displayed in a shop window may be bought, however much the shopkeeper may object to its display by its withdrawal. But the purchaser must have the exact amount for it and may not take the article he wrapped, else the sale is off.

No Cause to Grieve

Young Newirth had spent 12 months abroad and on his return was greeted warmly by his father, accompanied by guests. "I'm glad you're home," he joyously said. "And how you've grown!" "Grown, father, grown," corrected his son, annoyed at the suppressed chuckle. "Well, I'm blessed," replied the old man, with a surprised tone. "Funny notions you've picked up abroad. What have I to grieve for?"

The Worm Diggers

There are at least 500 men in New York city who make a comfortable living by digging worms. It is their sole occupation, and any day they may be seen at Jamaica Bay or some of the other bays armed with a four-pronged implement which looks like a cross between a rake and a hoe. Most of the efficient worm diggers are under contract to large stores which guarantee to take all the worms they can furnish. More often than not these men are able to make \$15 a day.

Happened in Lawrence

A little boy of 6 and another slightly younger came pell mell through the crowds of Lawrence shoppers. The boy, who was carrying a basket, was so laden with packages that he could not see. He was running and bumping into people until he was stopped by a policeman. The boy was crying and the policeman was talking to him. The boy's father was looking for him and when he found him, he was very angry. The boy was taken home and his father was talking to him.

Salesman's Assurance

"She was what is called a 'good shopper'." That meant that she drove a salesman to distraction with her demands. She was never satisfied until she had the whole stock of the shop turned upside down. Last week she was buying a fur piece. After nearly an hour's hesitation she at length hit on one that she liked. A little less than the others. "Are you sure this fur won't shrink?" she inquired. "If it rains, and one gets caught without an umbrella, it might, you know," the salesman replied. The long-suffering salesman shrunk on the spot. "The fur didn't shrink on me last party that wore it, and he was never known to carry an umbrella."

Miniver Cheevy

Miniver Cheevy, child of scorn,
Grew lean while he assailed the seasons;
He wept that he was ever born,
And he had reasons.
Miniver loved the days of old
When swords were bright and steeds
were swiftest;
The vision of a warrior held
Would set him dancing.

Miniver sighed for what was not,
And dreamed, and rested from his labors;
He dreamed of Thebes and Camelot,
And Priam's neighbors.

Miniver mourned the ripe renown
That made so many a haire so fra-
grant;
He mourned Romance, now on the
wane,
And Art, a vagrant.

Miniver loved Medlet,
Albeit he had never seen one;
He would have shined incessantly
Could he have been one.

Miniver cursed the commonplace,
And eyed a kinked suit with loathing;
He missed the medieval grace
Of iron clothing.

Miniver scorned the gold he sought,
But sorely missed it as he sought it;
Miniver thought and thought, and
thought,
And thought about it.

Miniver Cheevy, born too late,
Scratched his head and kept on
thinking;
Miniver sighed, and called it fate,
And kept on drinking.

EDWIN ARINGTON ROBINSON, in
"Poems."

MAN ABOUT TOWN

I am informed by Samuel F. Butler, well known painter and decorator, that the Society of Master Painters and Decorators of Massachusetts will hold its 34th annual convention in Horticentral hall, Boston, January 6, 7, 8, and 9, and among the subjects discussed will be the schools. Pretty well known men usually gather at the state rallies of the master painters, as every Lowell member and friend of the organization have known for many years. I suppose at the same time, the society caters not to those who have no interest in the fields of the painters and decorators, and the annual program strictly adheres to the occupational pursuits of the members in every respect. The program sent to me indicates the kind of subjects that are now seriously interesting the master painters. Besides "trade schools," there is "the progressive painter," "insurance," "the fight for social betterment" and last but not least, "business service." An attractive extra feature promised for the convention in January a department devoted to the



TOM SIMS SAYS

Jackie Coogan has a baby brother now. The baby's name is a few days old and hasn't gotten a job.

Only safe place for an auto speeder is in a desert where the roads are as wide as they are long.

About this time every year we always decide that what our town needs is a change in climate.

If money really talked, an old dime could tell some wild tales about what it used to buy.

Women take better care of their hands than men. This, however, is not always true of their bridge hands.

While a movie comedian's wife has secured a divorce it was not because he threw her pies around.

A friend tells us he gave her a lipstick for Christmas and is getting it back when she thanks him.

You can take the boy's Christmas tree and use it for a funeral. If you will make a funeral.

Largest diamond in the world is worth \$100,000, but a small one may be prized more highly.

Scrape the inside of a new pipe before you put it in or the fire wagon may pay you a visit.

Christmas lies are all right. Every body wants to hear 'em. Don't be so self-conscious.

Gandy may be gradually worn off the seat of the trousers by putting sandpaper in the chairs.

With so many other things to wonder about some men insist on wondering if their hair is combed.

If summer were to visit us for the holidays she certainly would be a welcome guest.

The average auto lasts six years, barring accidents.

Christmas is the time of peace on earth, which is one thing not made in some foreign country.

Our kick about breakfast is everybody's face looks as if it had been slept in.

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"SCARAMOUCHE" WINS \$10,000 PRIZE

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Rafael Sabatini, for his novel "Scaramouche," has been awarded the \$10,000 prize offered by the Pulitzer prize fund for the best fiction or play published in the year ended last year. The award was made by the Pulitzer board of judges, which included George Barr Baker, chairman of the first International Congress of American Literature Arts, at which the prize was offered last year. The Pulitzer board, which included George Barr Baker, chairman of the first International Congress of American Literature Arts, at which the prize was offered last year. The Pulitzer board, which included George Barr Baker, chairman of the first International Congress of American Literature Arts, at which the prize was offered last year.

SALVATION ARMY DISTRIBUTES BASKETS

More than 250 baskets containing Christmas dinners were distributed to poor families of Lowell on the day before the holiday, by the local Salvation Army headquarters official staff. The distribution took place at the Appleton street headquarters, starting at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. All applicants for dinner baskets possessed tickets, indicating that each case of necessity reported had been investigated and approved. The baskets contained either fowl or a three plates of pork, milk, peas, beans, potatoes, onions, bread, jam, squash, coffee, tea, sugar, corn flakes, cookies and cocoa. President Elmore I. Muehle of the Lowell Community Improvement association was present during the distributions. The baskets were prepared by Ensign David Farrar, local commander; Mrs. Jane P. Farrar, Melba Richardson, E. Nelson and Edward S. Dole.

Mrs. Farrar, wife of the commander, did a great deal of work preparing the baskets, arranging presents for the children to go on the Christmas tree for the exercises held yesterday at the barracks. She also investigated all applications for aid.

POLLARD EMPLOYEES HOLD ANNUAL PARTY

The employees of the A. G. Pollard company enjoyed their annual Christmas celebration after closing hours Wednesday evening and the basement of the store was the scene of a merry gathering with Santa Claus impersonated by T. Malinoux as the honored guest of the evening. An entertainment program was given by members of the sales force and gifts were exchanged.

display of exhibits of practical work and dealers' materials. James Houston and William E. Wall composed the other two members of the active publicity committee. It is announced that the 41st annual session of the masons and decorators' association will be held in Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 3, 4, 5 and 6. Reduced rates of railroad fare will probably be granted.

Christmas is past, the era of good resolutions is here? What are you going to say you will or will not do in 1925? Are you going to strive to make it count for more than the year now fading? Is it to be a milestone of accomplishment, or just another turn in the road? Resolutions are easy to make, but terribly hard to keep. Let's make one between now and New Year's day that will be kept, even though in keeping a little self-sacrifice will enter in. To deny a fable or a whim should not be difficult and nine times out of ten such denial makes for better ordered lives.

The many local friends of Arthur J. Walsh, formerly a resident of North Chelmsford and for the past few years manager of the Detroit, Mich., division of the Pinkerton Tobacco company, will be pleased to learn that he is soon to take another step toward advancement in that same company. Early next year, Mr. Walsh is to receive an important assignment with the tobacco firm in a large city near east, the promotion coming as a reward for his faithful and efficient service. Within recent years, Mr. Walsh married Miss Mildred Hill, daughter of the late Chief Justice Edward P. Hill of 205 High street.

GIRL HELD FOR THEFT

Boston Police Believe They Have Brought to End Trail of Worthless Checks

BOSTON, Dec. 25.—With the arrest yesterday of Ruth A. Wilson, 25, officially charged with the theft of \$300 from the proprietor of a Lawrence music store, local police believe they have brought to an end a trail of alleged worthless checks, said to stretch through Boston, Washington, New York and other cities, believed to be the work of the young woman. She is said to be the same Ruth Wilson, who was arraigned in two New York courts on the same day. Miss Wilson, who was arrested as she finished her Christmas dinner, is being held for the Lawrence police.

HOLY YEAR PILGRIMS

Transportation to Rome Big Problem — International Conference of R. R. Men

GENEVA, Dec. 26.—Transportation of the holy year pilgrims to Rome is a problem which has necessitated the assembling of an international conference of railroad men here. With the pilgrims passing through Switzerland, a check from this country it has been found necessary to schedule from 150 to 200 special trains.

PROGRAMS BY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Christmas programs for the various classes of the First Congregational church Sunday school were held last Sunday and were as follows: Junior department: Prelude, "Chimes," psalms; call to worship; song, "Angels from the Realm of Glory"; Scripture; prayer; song, "Silent Night, Holy Night"; dialog, Miss Fraser's class recitation, Shirley Hoyt; exercise, Mrs. Robbins and Miss Whitaker's classes; song, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"; dialog, Miss Raymond's class; Stanley's and Miss Barker's classes; song and gift service, Mrs. Sturtevant, superintendent; song, "Give of Your Best to the Master."

Primary department, Miss Marion Durrell, superintendent: "The Chimes," Miss Alexander; opening song, "Good Morning to You"; worship period; prayer; Lay Ithurb; recitation, "The Christmas Story," superintendent; recitation, "The Christmas Tree," Ruth Wheeler, Alex Kirk, Lewis Tay, Rowland Cryan; recitation, "If I Were a Star," Cynthia Morse, Helen Wood, Cynthia Kenyon, Richard Snyder; "The Christmas Carol," Virginia Shepherd, Frank Sloan; song, "Jesus, Only You Shine," lesson period, prayer.

Beginners' department, Miss Helen Plink, superintendent: Opening worship, review of Christmas stories, "The Birth of the Christ Child," The Shepherds, "The Wise Men," song, "In the Mangro," recitation, "The Shepherds," Louise Miller, Doris Heide; recitation, "The Christmas Story," Lloyd Wheeler, Arnold Wade, Robert

THE ZOO

THE little Capybara is As queer as he can be. He is the largest member of The rodent family. He lives in South America. Where lakes and rivers are. And dives to safety when attacked. By his foe the jaguar.

Friendship

When you've got a bit of worry that is clinging to your mind, it's upsetting to a fellow as can be. So, it's true you'll always hurry till somebody you can find who will list and give a bit of sympathy. Why it is you feel much better when you've bared your little fret, no one seems to know or even seems to care. But if you have been a fretter, I will lay an even bet, that you've needed to lay your little worry bare.

In a corner you will lie you and you'll tell your tale of woe. Then you'll always feel much better, you will find. As your lister sits close by you he will always seem to know that he's helping you get worry off your mind.

Who's the fellow whom you yearn to have just listen to your fret? Who's the one on whom you feel you can depend? Who's the fellow whom you turn to and who'll always gladly let you tell your tale of woe? Why, he's a friend!

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McGowan; recitation, Frances Morton, Betty Richardson, Dorothy Richardson, Frances Hearn; recitation, Alger Johnson, Ted Tabor; song, John Graham, Barbara Morse; recitations, Ellen Blanchard, Jane Isherwood, Vesta Isherwood, Robert McCarthy, Junior Edin, Gwendolyn Reed, Thelma Usher, Robert Donaldson; song, Pauline Tarr; recitation, Stuart Shafter; recitation, "Birth-day Wish for Jesus," Howard Lamson, Richard Cheney; recitation, Charlotte Harris; song, "Joy to the World"; prayer; distribution of Christmas pictures.

EMPLOYEES HONOR MANAGER

Employees of the Radio theatre pleasantly surprised the manager, Maxwell McInnes, Christmas eve when they presented him a solid gold watch, charm and a box of cigars. John McGuane made the presentation. Among

HOFFMAN CLUB ENTERTAINS

The Hoffman club entertained over 200 guests at a Yuletide party and dance held in the upper hall of the C. & A. club in Middle street Wednesday evening. The feature of the program was the fine musical number given by the Red Jack orchestra directed for Belmont park, Montreal. Harvey Gaudette was chairman of arrangements and he was assisted by Edward Fyffe, Thomas Garrity and Henry Chatham.

FIDLER'S Inc.

BOSTON LADIES OUTFITTERS

92-100 MERRIMACK ST. 43-49 MIDDLE STREET

Saturday Is Clean-up Day

ALL SMALL LOTS OF CHRISTMAS MERCHANDISE WILL BE PUT ON SALE WAY BELOW THEIR COST PRICE

\$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50 Leather Hand Bags

Just odds and ends left over from our Christmas rush—the finest of leathers with vanity fittings—Underarm, Envelope and many other shapes—Only 125 in this lot. While they last Saturday at

\$1.44

\$1.50 and \$2.00 Jewelry 75c

Small lots only of fine Necklaces, Bracelets, Rosaries, Pearls; in fact choice of our regular \$1.50 and \$2.00 Jewelry at

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ALL SILVERWARE AT 1-2 PRICE

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This is your chance to add an extra piece of Silver to your collection—Plenty of pretty fancy pieces to select from as well as all kinds of flat silver. You will need some of this and just think of buying it Saturday at half its regular price.

at 1/3 off

GIFT AND TOYS SHOP
Fourth Floor

We will let you select any article from our Fourth Floor Gift and Toy Shop this Saturday at 1-3 Off their regular selling price when you consider that the regular price is the lowest in Lowell. You can imagine how cheaply you will buy this Saturday, at 1-3 Off, and listen, we have plenty of pretty lamps of all kinds still on hand to please you, besides all kinds of gifts for men and women—and if you have forgotten some little one and want some Toys take advantage of this 1-3 Off Sale this Saturday and visit our Fourth Floor Toy Shop. You will still find what you want here.

POISON LIQUOR KILLS THREE

31 Others Ill and Court Calendars Crowded as Result of Xmas Drinking

Number of Drunks in New York as Great as Any Time Prior to Prohibition

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Three men are dead, 31 others ill in Bellevue hospital, four of them seriously, and the police court calendars are crowded as a result of drinking liquor yesterday in this city in celebration of Christmas. In addition to the dead and sick, between forty and fifty persons are in the accident ward of Bellevue from Continued on Page Seventeen

Gage Co. Ready

For Ice Harvest

ly thicker. Forge Village waters are covered today by ice averaging 6 inches in thickness and quality is found excellent everywhere the Gage ice harvesters are soon to operate.

Ice-cutting at Lakeview will be started with all necessary forces of the Gage company employed, next Monday morning, if no serious changes in temperature occur before Sunday night. Today, employees were sent to assist pond to prepare for marking out the length and breadth of the ice field soon to be attacked.

The Forge Village pond ice-cutting location was also visited today by veteran inspectors on the Gage payroll, and they report quality ice forming rapidly.

Operations on the river ice cannot be attempted at this time, for the Merrimack supply fields above the dam are not even frozen in depth as yet. In the locality where the Gage ice houses stand in an imposing row of wooden structures between Pawtucket street and the river banks, the ice varies from 5 to 7 inches in thickness. There are many "holes" in this area at present, although the area was spotted with patches of ice today, all familiar with the danger zone of which have been designated by long poles.

If the Gage houses had been entirely emptied by customers' demands this year, ice-cutting would have started at Lakeview today, it is said. The situation calls for no extraordinary attempts to harvest ice at this time, however, for two of the largest of the main houses on the Merrimack shores above the dam, are yet in reserve.

The company also has another large reserve supply situated on the shores of Baptist pond in South Chelmsford. That will remain in storage. It is stated, and the 1921-22 supplies soon to be harvested from the water storage there, will be packed up in huge piles on shore, similar to the method employed last year in the Gage company's grand plan to harvest enough ice to meet all needs of Lowell and suburban customers.

The Lakeview harvest will not take long, if the ice-cutting starts Monday and no bad weather interrupts operations. The Lakeview house is not as large as some of the other Gage storage plants, and the field needed has sometimes been cut and stored within 48 hours, when employment conditions were satisfactory.

The Merrimack river today is much lower than it was a year ago when the ice-cutting campaigners moved from the outlying ponds in South Chelmsford and Forge Village to begin the job of harvesting 12 and 14-inch ice from the great field above Pawtucket dam. The waters of the valley stream last year flowed over the flashboards of the dam at the time, but not today for a minute.

This morning the basin in the river above the flashboards appeared more like a mill pond, with the water at the dam several inches over the boards. It is evident that the textile mills that promise five and one-half days a week production operations to employer, beginning next Monday morning, will have to draw more heavily upon the electric and steam power facilities of individual plants than ever before, or at least since the days when more river water was being used in the textile manufacturing pursuits in Lowell many months ago.

REMEMBERED THE ORPHANS
The children of St. Peter's and the French-American orphanages were the recipients of numerous toys and individual boxes of candy yesterday through the generosity of Mr. Bernard C. Maguire who spent the holiday with his relatives locally.

WOMAN WHO KILLED HER TWO TWIN BOYS FREED

NEW-YORK, Dec. 26.—Mrs. Jessie Katz, 28-year old mother who killed her three weeks' old twin boys Dec. 2 was freed today after a city magistrate, acting on the recommendation of an assistant district attorney, had dismissed an infanticide charge against her.

Mrs. Katz, the court was told, was temporarily demented through illness at the time she threw the twins out of the window of her third-story flat and jumped after them. The boys died in a hospital a few hours later, but the mother, at first believed mortally hurt, was sufficiently recovered to appear in court today.

MATRIMONIAL

Mr. J. E. Pfaff of Nashua, N. H., and Mrs. Anna Lee of this city were married Wednesday evening by Rev. William H. Morrison, D.D., Mr. Edward Lee and Miss Elsie Shaw attended the couple. Following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride in Rogers street after which Mr. and Mrs. Pfaff left on an extended wedding trip. They will make their home at 665 Rogers street, this city.

Girl Thrown on to Pilot of Engine Carried Eight Miles

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weather and slight blizzard. She was brought to a local hospital. Kenneth Clark, 22, her husband, Clyde Clark, 22, her husband, and Mrs. Clyde Clark were injured when the train struck the rear end of the automobile. Mrs. Clyde Clark died this morning of her injuries.

A baby, 20 months old, was buried unharmed from the automobile. Police investigating the accident conducted a search for several miles along the track leading out of the city after a man had reported to the railroad office that he had seen a runaway woman being carried on the pilot of the train several blocks from the scene of the accident.

The members of the train crew who had been unaware of the accident were stopped at Anderson and a search of the front part of the engine made there but the woman had fallen from the train before reaching that point. Mrs. Clark told the ambulance driver on her way back to Indianapolis that she was able to hold on tightly to the speed engine after the crash until she became too weak and had to let go.

IN LODGING HOUSE

NORTH TONAWANDA, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Two men lost their lives when fire early today swept through the Washington hotel, a workmen's lodging house. The dead are William Smith, 45 years old, and his cousin, Paul Kubby. Kubby made his way to the street safely from the third floor but dashed back into the blazing building when he learned that Smith was missing. The charred bodies were found, with arms clasped, in Smith's room, when firemen forced an entrance.

OVERNIGHT FLASHES BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nation has cold Christmas with snow in west, middle west and sections of east, and with thermometer lower in middle west than any Christmas in years.

Stock in the William M. Litter Lumber company of Columbus, Ohio, valued at between two and three million dollars, is turned over by William McClelland Litter under trust agreement to 134 persons, most of them employees of corporation.

C. T. Collins, 76, chairman of board of directors of Standard Oil Co. of Kentucky, dies at Louisville.

Simply marks President Coolidge's Christmas day which is spent quietly at White House, except for attendance at church in the morning and long afternoon walk.

Rafael Sabatini is awarded \$10,000 prize by special jury for his novel "Scaramouche" on which motion picture, credited with being best of last year is based.

EARTHQUAKES SHAKE PICTURES FROM WALLS

ROANOKE, Va., Dec. 26.—Vibrations, believed here to be earthquakes and strong enough to shake pictures from walls, knock vases from tables and rock buildings, were felt in Roanoke and vicinity last night.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—No earth shocks were registered on the seismograph at Georgetown university during the night.

Many Improper Signatures On Referendum Petition

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to the petition, however, and only slightly more than 400 are needed. It is believed that despite the large number thrown out by the commissioners, there will be sufficient to make the petition legal.

Certification of the petition is slow work, commissioners say, and it is doubtful if the work will be completed before Monday. Under the law regarding the certification of petitions, the election commission has five working days in which to certify signatures, and in the present instance the time will not expire until Monday afternoon.

While it will not be definitely known what action the present council will take towards meeting the bridge issue upon the completion of the work of certification, there is a growing feeling that at tonight's meeting of the council adjournment will be made to either next Monday or Tuesday night so that the matter may be disposed of before inauguration day.

If the petition is certified as legal by the election commissioners, it is felt also that the residents of Pawtucketville and Centralville interested in securing a Beaver Brook bridge will favor the council rescheduling its previous action in voting the \$125,000 order rather than have the matter placed before the electorate at a special election, which the petition calls for if the council fails to rescind.

Town and City Taxes

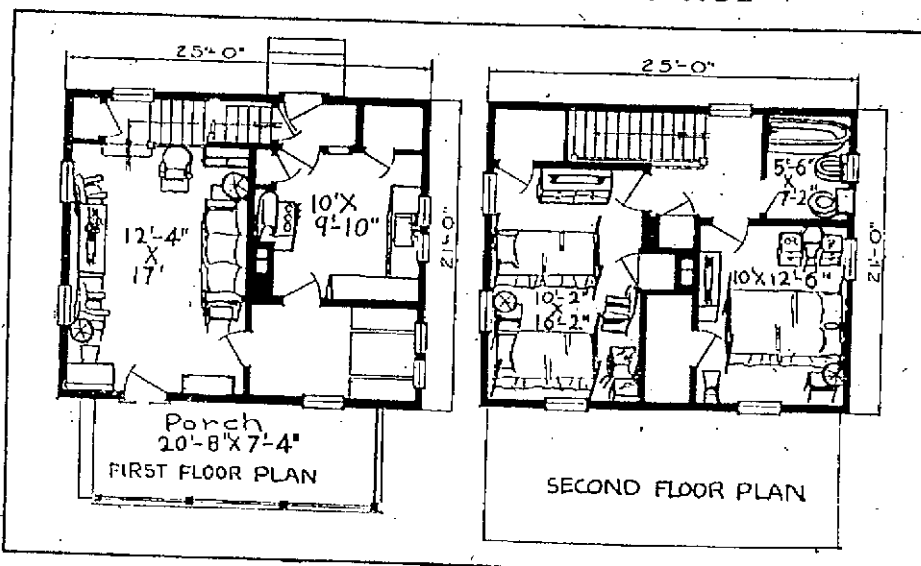
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while the town of Natick is alone at the top of the heap with a rate of \$43. Among the cities alone, Haverhill has the lowest rate, \$23, and Brockton, the highest, \$35.80. The per capita direct tax for 1921 ranges from \$15.23 in the town of Millville to \$27.11 in the town of Hull. Lowell's per capita tax is \$36.61.

The adjacent town of Dracut is well up the tax ladder with a rate of \$40. Other rates in towns and cities in this vicinity follow:

Acton \$31.10, Andover \$27.70, Ayer \$23.00, Billerica \$28, Burlington \$21.50, Carlisle \$31, Chelmsford \$25.50, Dunstable \$20, Groton \$22, Harvard \$23, Lawrence \$27.20, Littleton \$27.50, Methuen \$37, North Andover \$35, Pepperell \$25, Tewksbury \$30.50, Tyngsboro \$36, Westford \$39.

AMERICANIZED SWISS CHALET WITH PLENTY OF ROOM AND WALL SPACE

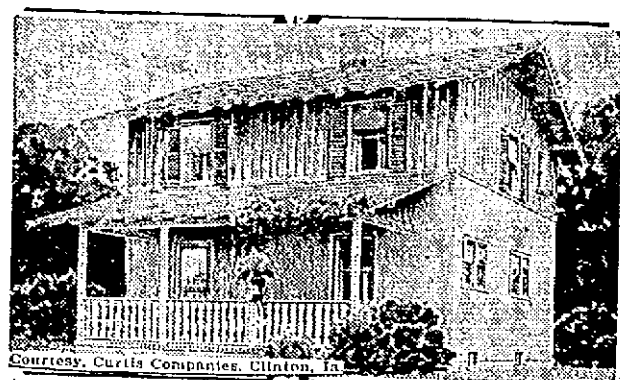


There are four rooms, dining alcove and bath in this two-story cottage whose exterior is reminiscent of the Swiss chalet. This effect is brought out by the use of vertical boards in the second story, and the wide, open cornice.

In a space 25 feet wide and 21 feet deep it embodies all that goes to make a convenient, attractive home. There is a hallway across the front of the porch, and it is entered from the side, near the entrance door. Thus the group on the porch is not disturbed.

When entering the living room, the handsome stair at the far side of the room focuses the attention. On its landing is a coat closet and a window.

The small spaces in this room are especially good for a libable arrangement of furnishings. A bookcase is built in. Built-in benches and table are provided for the dining alcove, but there is room for other pieces, too, if desired. Windows on two sides insure its brightness all the time. Housewives will appreciate the compact convenience of the kitchen. Among its built-in features are



FLOOR PLANS AND FRONT VIEW OF FOUR-ROOM HOUSE

dresser, sink, ironing board, broom closet, pantry, and a closet for the ice-box, where it can be kept from without. Each of the bedrooms has a large closet, and one of them also has a tray-case built-in. A full basement is provided, divided into three rooms for heater, coal and storage. The central location of the chimney is a practical and economical feature. This house may be built for \$5030, figuring 31 cents a cubic foot. (Copyright, 1924, The Lowell Sun)

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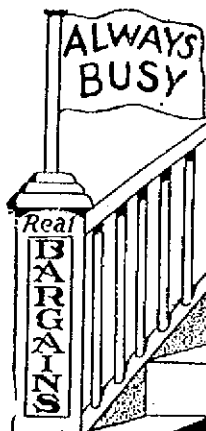
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Lowell Boy En Route to Pacific Coast as Member of Notre Dame Football Team

Lowell Boy With Notre Dame Football Squad



JOHN McMANMON

With the Notre Dame football squad, traveling to the Pacific Coast from South Bend, Ind., to meet the University of California in the Rose bowl at Pasadena on New Year's day, is John McManmon of Druett, rightfully called a Lowell boy, for he captained the high school team here in 1922. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James McManmon.

Although only a sophomore at Notre Dame, McManmon is so firmly entrenched on the varsity squad that Coach Rockne named him in the group selected to journey to California to take part in the greatest intersection-

BIG BOUTS IN NEW YORK FOOTBALL COACHES TO MEET NEXT WEEK

Berlanbach Meets Estridge and Delaney Will Oppose Pal Reed of Boston

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Several outstanding title contenders will be seen in action tonight in the feature events in the boxing card at Madison Square Garden.

Paul Berlanbach, light heavyweight knockout artist, who is seeking a title match with Mike McTigue, faces a formidable foe in Larry Estridge, hard-fighting negro, while Jack Delaney, conqueror of Berlanbach and a contender for Harry Wells' middleweight crown, will oppose Pal Reed of Boston. Both matches are slated for 12 rounds.

U. OF PENN. ELEVEN LEAVES FOR COAST

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26.—Undeafed and led but once during its regular season, the University of Pennsylvania football team leaves today for the Pacific coast, where it will meet the University of California eleven, also undefeated, in the Berkeley memorial bowl on New Year's day. With three of their star players out of the game because of injuries and illness, the Quakers' prospects were not as optimistic of the result as they were a few weeks ago.

Two of the injured players, Clark Craig and Joe Wilson, will accompany the team but neither will get in the game. The Quakers are recovering from appendicitis in Johnston, Pa., and will not be able to go. Definite selections to fill their places probably will not be determined until the arrival on the Pacific coast, Coach Lou Young said.

Accompanied by the entire coaching staff and a string of reporters, the squad of 33 players will leave here at 3:10 o'clock this afternoon in a special train for the Pennsylvania railroad. The party will leave Chicago at 11 p. m. Saturday, and is due in Berkeley at 1:30 p. m. Tuesday.

TANK ROMANCE

Miss Oliver Holland and Wilbourn Cox to Wed

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—The engagement of Miss Oliver Holland, women's swimming champion at the half-mile and the fancy diving title-holder also, to Wilbourn Cox, assistant life-saving instructor of the Boston chapter, American Red Cross, in the growth of a tank romance, is announced.

Miss Holland formerly held the national and New England women's mile championship.

HIG TASK FOR ROCKNE
Knute Rockne may find it difficult to get his football warriors back into shape after a two weeks' rest following the finish of Notre Dame's regular schedule. If Notre Dame beats Stanford in the coast game, it will have established its greatness beyond a doubt.

HIG PRIZES FOR PIOS
Professional golfers will have some real money to shoot at during the winter months. Three cities, San Antonio, Tex.; Hot Springs, Ark.; and Los Angeles have offered purses totaling close to \$20,000.

CITY BASKETBALL LEAGUE
The directors of the City Basketball league will meet tonight in the Y.M.C.A. to discuss the question of awarding to be awarded the members of the winning combination at the close of the season. The petition of the members for reinstatement will also be acted upon.

CALIFORNIANS WIN OUT

Southern University Defeats U. of Missouri in Football Game at Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 26.—The University of Southern California football team yesterday defeated the University of Missouri, champion of the Missouri valley conference, 10 to 7, in the first of a series of intercollegiate contests marking the year-end holidays in Southern California.

A combination of a close and even attack in the third period, when they scored all their points, gave the California men victory after they had been outplayed by the middle western team throughout the first two periods. Forward passes gave the Trojans two of the three touchdowns. The lone Missouri touchdown came in the last 30 seconds of play and resulted from a fumble by Riddle which Walsh picked up and ran twenty yards, saving the Tigers from a blank score.

The Tigers fought a brave fight and displayed a daring attack until they wilted in the third period and fell prey to the long distance passes of Newman. They came within scoring distance twice during the first two periods. The remainder of the game saw them making desperate attempts to stop the charging Trojans.

FOR WORLD'S 18.2 BALK LINE BILLIARD TABLE

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Seven players, three American and four foreign, will compete in a tournament here for the world's 18.2 balk line billiard championship Feb. 23 to March 4.

The Americans will be Willie Hoppe, the champion; Jake Schaefer, former champion, and Walter Cochran of Los Angeles. The foreigners will be Ezechias Hagelacher, champion of Germany; Edouard Horemans, Belgian champion; Roger Conti, champion of France, or Uranga of France, and either Suganuma or Suzuki of Japan.

The matches will be the first of their kind to be held here since 1921, when Jake Schaefer defeated Hoppe in a play-off for the championship and later successfully defended the title in a challenge match here.

Since 1921 the tournaments have been held in New York.

SPORTS SORTS

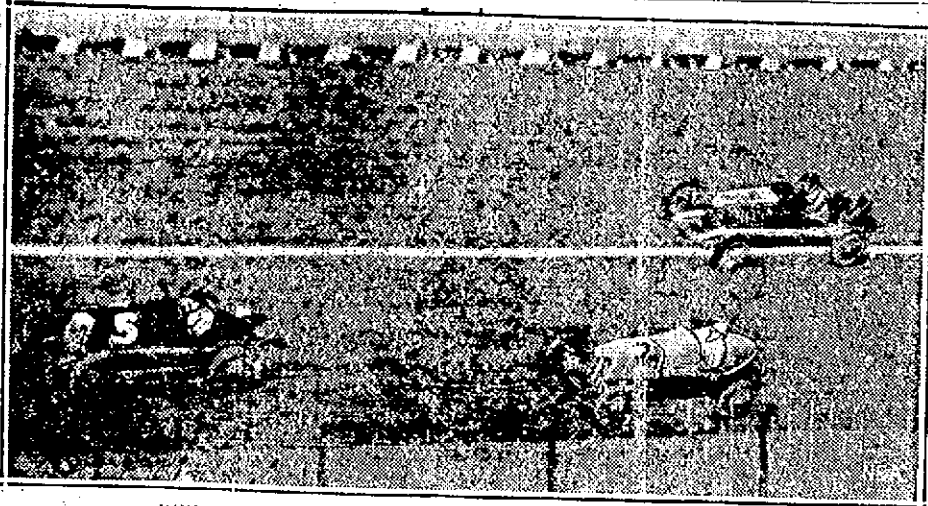
(By the Associated Press)
Steve O'Neill, veteran catcher who has become assistant to Willie Schang of the Yankees, after service with Cleveland and Boston, will end the height of his career in 1925 when he will be 37 years old. O'Neill has won the National League championship in 1920 and the World Series in 1921.

Anybody could tell what was going to happen in a game by watching O'Neill's right foot, said this manager. Nevertheless, Cleveland and the American league pennant and the world title and O'Neill caught the bulk of the contests.

The veterans still reign in baseball. At the top of the American league, the average age of the players is 28.1 years. The average age of the players in the National League is 27.1 years. The average age of the players in the American league is 27.1 years. The average age of the players in the National League is 27.1 years.

Left-handers carried off the batting honors in the Eastern with such performers as Lou Gehrig of the Yankees, then playing with Hartford, and Jack Fisher and Wade Luder of the Worcester club hitting high up in the circle. Luder reached the Washington Senators in time to insert some well-known hits in Stanley Harris' chase for the pennant.

Phavo Nurmi's figure will always be remembered by first prize winners in the annual track and field championships of the Finnish-American A. C. in Madison Square Garden Jan. 6, for the official of the club have arranged to award medals showing the figure of Nurmi to the winners of the 100, 200, 400, 800, 1,600, 3,200, 6,400, 12,800, 25,600, 51,200, 102,400, 204,800, 409,600, 819,200, 1,638,400, 3,276,800, 6,553,600, 13,107,200, 26,214,400, 52,428,800, 104,857,600, 209,715,200, 419,430,400, 838,860,800, 1,677,721,600, 3,355,443,200, 6,710,886,400, 13,421,772,800, 26,843,545,600, 53,687,091,200, 107,374,182,400, 214,748,364,800, 429,496,729,600, 858,993,459,200, 1,717,986,918,400, 3,435,973,836,800, 6,871,947,673,600, 13,743,895,347,200, 27,487,790,694,400, 54,975,581,388,800, 109,951,162,777,600, 219,902,325,555,200, 439,804,651,110,400, 879,609,302,220,800, 1,759,218,604,441,600, 3,518,437,208,883,200, 7,036,874,417,766,400, 14,073,748,835,532,800, 28,147,497,671,065,600, 56,294,995,342,131,200, 112,589,990,684,262,400, 225,179,981,368,524,800, 450,359,962,737,049,600, 900,719,925,474,099,200, 1,801,439,850,948,198,400, 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BENNY'S ONLY, GOING 126.9 MILES AN HOUR!

New speed records were chalked up at the opening of the racing season on the Culver City (Calif.) track. This picture shows Benny Hill, who eventually won, catching up with Ralph De Palma, while Tommy Milton in No. 5 is leading the field. Benny had his bout open to just 126.9 miles an hour on the final lap.



WINNERS
Reggie McNamara (left), the veteran Australian, and Pete Van Kesteren, the courageous Hollander, were the winners in the six-day bike race just ended at Madison Square Garden, New York.

33 Perish in School Fire

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ered to have at least an even chance of recovery.

A committee of Hobart citizens has been appointed by Mayor F. E. Gillespie to provide for the care of children orphaned by the fire and to work toward rehabilitation of the home life to Babbs' Switch. A movement is under way to raise funds for a monument to those killed in Oklahoma's worst Christmas tragedy. The monument would be placed either in Hobart or on the site of the fire.

Wire Netting on all Windows

Authorities said they expected to take no action toward investigating Babbs' Switch fire. Vigilance of the school trustees in wiring windows over the outside of the school windows to keep out vandals was held responsible for the heavy loss of life. Could the windows of the one-story structure have been used as a means of exit, virtually all of the 200 persons in the building could have escaped, it was believed. It was the door was the only exit, and the door was such a rush for it that persons farthest from it had little chance to escape as the fire started from a candle on the Christmas tree, swept through the small structure.

Babbs' Switch is a prosperous farming community seven miles south of Hobart. Cotton and wheat are the principal products. The population is about 250.

Six in Family Perish

Among those who were early identified is the family of L. C. Coffey, a farmer living near the Babbs' Switch school, six bodies, those of the father, mother, and four little ones, have been placed together in the corner of the room. Survivors tell how the family, standing in the center of the blazing schoolroom, every means of escape cut off, threw their arms about each other and in a last gesture of devotion fell together into the inferno as the blazing rafters, loosed from the roof, struck them down.

The fire started when a tiny candle on a Christmas tree ignited a ball of cotton. Little revellers gripped their sacks of candy and stood spellbound while their elders at first tried to put out the fire and then, as the flames licked up the cedar boughs and spread to the dry wood of the flimsy structure, broke for the single exit at the rear, a mad, scrambling mob, leaping terror at their heels.

The loss of life among the children was heavy because they were grouped around the Christmas tree in the front of the building and were farthest from the door.

Mrs. Florence Hill, teacher at the school, was among the dead. She was torn from the arms of her husband as he fought to get her to the doorway after he had forcibly dragged her from the front of the room where she was attempting to aid the escape of her little pupils. Hill escaped.

Santa's Arm Sticks Fire

Death cut off at its height the program rendered by the children of the neighborhood. The last little girl had spoken her "piece" and a jolly Santa in red suit and fur had distributed little sacks of candy, while parents and friends who packed the small one-room structure to capacity looked on.

Santa reached for one of the few remaining sacks. His arm struck a candle on the Christmas tree. It fell from

AGED WOMAN KILLED BY AUTO

BARRE, Vt., Dec. 26.—Mrs. Josephine Moser, nearly 70, was run into and almost instantly killed by an automobile driven by Charles Zanoloni, Jr., while crossing the street in the vicinity of her home last evening. Mrs. Moser died while being rushed to the hospital. In trying to avoid hitting the woman, Mr. Zanoloni ran into a telephone pole, damaging his car. State's Attorney C. B. Adams is investigating.

STOPPED AMERICAN DANCE IN TOKIO

TOKIO, Dec. 26.—(By the Associated Press)—Two leaders of a gang of political rowdies, who were arrested after they had stopped the American colony dance at the Hotel Imperial on June 7, as a protest against the passage of the Japanese exclusion clause in the American immigration bill were discharged by a criminal court today because of insufficient evidence. The men were charged with disturbing the peace.

\$30,000 FIRE LOSS AT FRANKLIN, N. H.

FRANKLIN, N. H., Dec. 26.—Fire, starting in the boiler room of the St. Joek block, a business block, located on Main street, late last night, wiped out the entire structure. There were no fatalities. The loss is estimated at about \$30,000.

Its place and a ball of cotton on the tree burst into flames.

Many were crushed in the jam before the door and it is believed that most of them who perished had been injured before the flames found them.

The injured were taken to Hobart in motor cars where emergency hospitals with volunteer nursing staffs ministered to their injuries. Work of recovering the bodies was retarded by the lack of water on the school grounds, with which to cool the embers.

Dead and Missing

The list of identified dead, as revised follows:

L. C. Coffey, Mrs. T. C. Coffey, Maudie Coffey, Audrey Coffey, Orley Coffey, Ethel Coffey.

Mrs. Florence Perry Hill, teacher at the school; Mrs. Vesta Jackson of Fort Worth, Tex., and her infant.

Among those listed as missing and believed to be dead were:

T. C. Coffey, Bud Higgins, Perry Higgins, John Helling, Eugene Helling, John Duke, Jr., Miss Clummons, 21; Mrs. Peck, Silas Peck, Opal Peck, William Curtis, 31; Mrs. William Curtis, 33; two Curtis children, 8 and 10; Mary Elizabeth Eden, a child; John Hetzenberger, Curtis Peterson, Cyril Peck, a child; Lita Neville, Lynn Neville, Gladys Clemmons, 22; Mary Lela Clummons, 21; Mrs. Glen Young, Mrs. Rhoda Bradshaw, 37; Mattie Bolding, 13; Edward Bolding, 10; William Baker, Walter Vickers.

GUN BARRELS FOUND HIDDEN IN BERLIN

PARIS, Dec. 26.—Officers from the inter-allied control commission have discovered in Berlin a depot of rifle and machine gun barrels, the Echo de Paris learns from "an incontrovertible informant in Germany." An inventory now being taken has accounted for forty thousand barrels, and it is expected that the total will reach 100,000. The depot was found in a cunningly devised hiding place.

The allied council of ambassadors is meeting tomorrow to consider whether Germany has fulfilled her obligations under the Versailles treaty to an extent making advisable evacuation of the Cologne area by the allies on the stipulated date of January 10. The French command that the Germans have violated the disarmament clauses, and Premier Herriot on Wednesday submitted to his cabinet a memorandum, to which the ministers agreed, declaring that evacuation of the Cologne bridgehead was imperative.

EMPLOYEES GUESTS OF MANAGEMENT

The employees of the Huh Hutory mills were the guests of the management at a Christmas festival held Wednesday evening in C.C.A. hall in Middle street, at which time a banquet was tendered over 400 employees as well as several guests and officials of the company. The hall was festively arranged for the occasion with garlands of greenery and streamers of red and green ribbon while in one corner of the hall was a Christmas tree bedecked with gifts and favors for all present. An entertainment program was given following the banquet in which Miss Anita Robillard, Miss Anita Gagnon, Miss Selma Wright, Miss Alice Lemieux, Mrs. Blanche Desrosiers, Miss Simone Bourassa, Mrs. Elsie Desrosiers, Miss Annette Ducloux, Miss Ida Teaversey, Miss Alice Bertrand, and others participated. Wilfred Forke played the role of Santa Claus and was the center of attraction during the entire evening. General dancing was also enjoyed until a late hour.

The following committee was in charge of arrangements: Emile Prudel, Fred Bordenau, Joseph Carpenter, Alice Traversy, Mrs. Frank Douville, Gertrude Beauchemin, Rose Christman, Marguerite Blais, Regina Isabelle, Corinne Coulombe, Mary April, Albert Goyette and Michael Drouin.

APPLETON MILLS GOING ON FULL SCHEDULE

Appleton mills will operate on full week schedules, starting next Monday morning. The corporation recently announced a 10 per cent reduction in wages to go into effect at once. Full-time schedules will bring employment to many hundreds of Appleton operatives five and one-half days each week from now on.

LOWELL GREEKS OBSERVE CHRISTMAS

Local Greeks, for the first time in history, have set aside allegiance to the Julian calendar practice of celebrating Christmas 13 days after the usual date set for the observance in America, and have adopted the Gregorian system of time reckoning. Yesterday, the Church of the Transfiguration, at John and Paige streets, celebrated Christmas on the 25th of December, joining the procession of many other Greek churches throughout the country, who now observe the religious festival on the same day as church organizations of the Protestant and Catholic faiths.

The chief figure in yesterday's ceremonies in the Church of the Transfiguration, in this city, was Rt. Rev. Bishop Joakim Alexopoulos of Boston, head of the Greek church in New England, who came to Lowell to participate in the ceremonies ordained. Rev. Panos Constantinos, D.D., is pastor of the local church.

Services started at midnight with a mass, and the attendance was large. There was also the usual service, with full ritual of the Greek Orthodox church denomination from 9 to 11 a. m. In the afternoon there was a Christmas tree party, followed by vespers.

In the evening, His Grace Bishop Alexopoulos was the guest at dinner in Mario's restaurant of a large number of prominent men in the Greek community.

During his talks to the Greek-speaking people of Lowell yesterday, the bishop emphasized some of the great work that he is attempting to carry on through the agency of the local church and other religious institutions under his direction.

AUTO SMASHES POLE AND HYDRANT

A fire hydrant was demolished and a telegraph pole snapped off at its base last night in Lakeview avenue, by an automobile, the driver of which is being sought by the police today. From the damage wrought, it is believed the machine must have been badly damaged, yet when police arrived it had been driven away and no trace of its identity could be found.

The accident occurred in Lakeview avenue near Perry Lane, at about 8:30 o'clock. The roadway at this point is icy and the machine skidded, striking first the hydrant and then the telegraph pole. The latter was snapped off at its base but was kept from falling to the street by the wires.

Poison Liquor Kills Three

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Injuries sustained in fights or falls due to liquor.

Yesterday's fatalities increased to 34 the number of deaths in the city from poison liquor for the month.

450 Die from Alcoholism

The number of drunks yesterday and on Christmas eve was as great as at any time prior to prohibition, according to the police. Officials at Bellevue hospital said the tide of deaths and suffering from poison liquor had been steadily rising since the first prohibition Christmas in 1923.

In an open letter to Gov. Smith asking his support in the passage of a state enforcement act, Arthur J. Davis, state superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, quoted the city health department's figures as showing 450 deaths from alcoholism in New York City during the present year as compared with 367 deaths last year.

"This number," said Mr. Davis in his letter, "is greater than that of any year since prohibition and almost as large as in pre-prohibition days."

PRETTY DECORATIONS

Among the many beautifully decorated windows and homes in observance of the Christmas spirit was the

studio of Prof. Frederic G. Bond, in which was carried out the typical English Yuletide festiveness. The windows were massed with holly boughs

and poinsettias through which a lighted candle whispered the season's greetings to the outside world. The

interior of the studio was prettily arranged in harmony with the windows.

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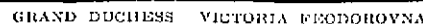
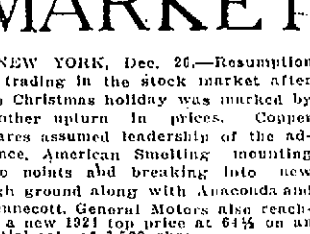
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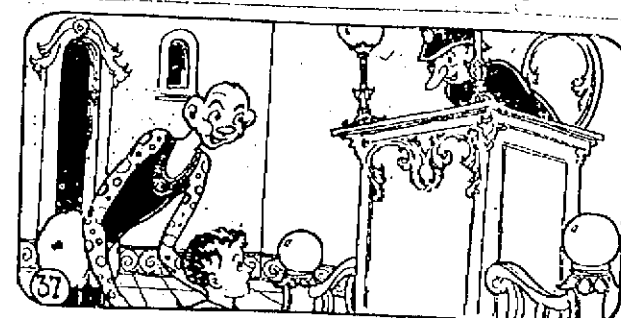
WALL STREET ITEMS

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Tremendous appreciation in intrinsic values ofcurities of leading industrial companies reflected in their large additions to working capital in the ten years. Eleven companies, each with working capital exceeding \$10,000,000, have combined working capital, according to the latest report, of \$1,563,000,000 compared with \$65,000,000 at the close of 1914.

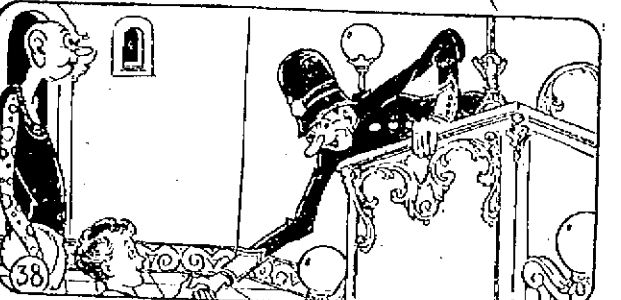
New high standards for sheet metal production in the Mahoning valley looked for next week, with indication that the majority of the 127 sheet and rolling mills will be in operation. Substantial tonnage of steel is reported, with pressure for deliveries.

And it secured for Zafa Guidara of New York the first prize for having the most perfect and prettiest teeth among 70,000 entrants in the dental contest held by the American Hygiene Exhibit of the Allied Dental council.

1. *Journal of the American Medical Association*, 1997; 278: 1039-1044.



One of the lanky men led the way into the police station. Jack and Flip and Flop followed. Just inside the door there was a tall desk behind which sat a queer looking fellow with a policeman's high hat on. "Well, where did you get that short little fellow?" asked the chief.



"This is a visitor in Lanky Land," replied Jack's friend. "He wanted to meet you." The chief jumped up so quickly he nearly upset his desk. "Always glad to meet visitors," with Jack. Jack liked him as soon as he saw him.



he snapped. And then he leaned way over and shook hands. "How do you like our little town?" asked the chief. "Oh, fine!" replied the little adventurer. "But it is so quiet here. I would like to see some excitement. Don't you ever do anything that is really exciting in Lanky Land?" The chief burst right out laughing. (Continued.)

ADVENTURES OF THE TWINS

Olive Roberts Barton
SANTA CLAUS TAKES A REST



"I DO HOPE THE CHILDREN ARE HAPPY," HE SAID TO MRS. CLAUS. Everything turned out just right and Santa Claus hadn't a bit of trouble on Christmas eve. Thanks to Johnny Sweep and the Twins, he got his chimney hitched up and all his toys packed into his sleigh in fine shape. And he found every chimney as clean as a whistle after the good cleaning Johnny Sweep had given them. Whenever Santa Claus emptied one great sack, he drove his reindeer to the roof of the Toys Master's shop and got another one full to the brim with all sorts of toys. He worked hard all night and never finished until it was almost daylight. Indeed, one little boy coming downstairs in his nightgown to see his tree almost ran into him. Santa Claus had just time to whisk behind a curtain and through a window. Then he drove his reindeer back home to the North Pole and Mrs. Claus had a nice hot breakfast waiting for him. And after that he went to bed and slept for four hours. His hard work was over for nearly a year. "I do hope the children are happy," he said to Mrs. Claus. "I did the very best I could. And if there have been any mistakes, it's because some of the notes got mixed up."

"I shouldn't worry if I were you," said Mrs. Claus, who was a sensible person. "You have done the very best

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13 BODIES RECOVERED, SEVEN STILL MISSING IN FLOOD

Search for Victims Continues in Area of Holston River Valley, Saltville, Va., Laid Waste by Flood of Lime Muck Released by Breaking of Dam

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 26.—Four more bodies were found today in the muck from the dam that broke Wednesday and flooded the lower sections of Saltville, Va., leaving the known death list to thirteen. Seven persons still are missing.

Search continues for victims continued today in the area of the Holston river valley laid waste by the flood of lime muck released by the breaking of a dam Wednesday night at the Matheson Alkali works. While more than a score of injured lay in an improvised hospital here, searchers continued to fight their way through the thick muck, looking for the bodies of those who were drowned. The muck was deposited by the torrent which suddenly swept away the little settlement of workers below the dam. Four or five of the injured are not expected to live and many are suffering from pneumonia resulting from their immersion in the icy water and from burns caused by the alkali muck. Many of the rescuers also have been treated for burns.

THREE ESCAPE AS TRAIN HITS AUTO

Jump to Safety as Hurtling Car Tears Gate Tender's Shanty From Foundation. Auto Became Stalled on Crossing as Gates Were Lowered to Clear Tracks

MANSFIELD, Dec. 26.—Three persons narrowly escaped death yesterday afternoon when the Shore Line express, bound from New York to Boston, swept down upon a stalled automobile on Ballou crossing. The train picked up the automobile and hurled it against the crossing-tender's shanty with such force that the shanty was torn from its foundation. The automobile, operated, police say, by Walter Orrs of 123 Summer street, East Foxboro, and containing Harold Holland of 759 Washington street, Dorchester, stalled on the tracks just as the crossing-tender, Philip Riley, was lowering the gates to clear the track for the express.

With the train's whistle shrieking loudly only a short distance down the track, Orrs, in a frenzy, labored in hope of getting the car started and off the track before the express arrived at the crossing. His efforts were fruitless, however, and as the train swept closer he was forced to give up hope of saving the car.

Two men to safety. Shouting to his companion to jump, Orrs leaped from the car to safety at the side of the tracks. The car, which had landed at his side a moment later, and both men raced to get out of danger.

Mr. Orrs, who was standing at the crossing gates, also ran but fell on the tracks and jumped over a fence so that he would not be struck by the automobile should it be thrown in his direction by the train.

The grinding of brakes was mixed with the sound of a rending crash as the locomotive struck the automobile and hurled it to one side. The flight of the car was stopped by its impact with the gate-tender's shanty, but the shanty was knocked off its support.

Train Stops After Crash. The train was brought to a stop a short distance beyond the crossing and was held up for some minutes before it was finally established that none had been injured. The only damage done was to the automobile and shanty. State Inspector of Motor Vehicles Edward Glingraf of Attleboro and Patrolman Arthur Conrad of the local police have been assigned to investigate the accident.

Big Rush For 1925 Motor Car Plates

Cars to thousands, trailers and motorcycles, flocked to the local headquarters this morning to secure credentials necessary to enable operators to take their vehicles on the roads on New Year's day with everything all set for twelve months to come.

Up to 10 o'clock this morning, the local office had issued 1656 number plates for pleasure cars and 510 plates for trucks of all sizes, while the first 1925 registration order was filed on Nov. 20. Car owners have been coming in larger numbers during the latter part of November and early days of the present month were not large in total amount.

About the middle of December, the demand for new plates and also for new operators' licenses increased steadily.

The local office notes an increase in registrations of about 10 per cent this year. This percentage will be increased when the final lists are tallied after the office ends the month's activities on the night of December 31.

Chief McDermott expressed satisfaction at the increasing increase of incoming applicants for 1925 registrations and also the new names recorded, showing to whom many new plates are going. Many present patrons of the local office patronized Boston motor vehicle registration offices last year. More "returners" are coming to the Monegan building for their 1925 plates.

It was estimated this morning that the list of new names on the 1925 registration records of the local office, showing acquired plates, licenses, etc., indicates plainly that 20 per cent of all registrants who secured plates elsewhere last year, have patronized the Lowell office this year.

This fact is proven by the old plate numbers shown on the 1921 registrations exhibited by applicants for licenses at the Monegan building. Numerous 1921 license bear plate numbers that could not have been obtained at the local branch, for only certain number "blocks" of plates

VANZETTI IN HOSPITAL

Man Found Guilty With Sacco in Murder Placed in Hands of Alienists

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—Counsel for Bartolomeo Vanzetti, convicted with Nicola Sacco as the slayer of a paymaster and guard in South Braintree in April, 1920, acted today on reports that he was under observation at the Charlestown state prison hospital as to his sanity. William G. Thompson, chief counsel for Sacco and Vanzetti, said he had learned of Vanzetti's condition through newspaper reports and intended to make a personal investigation immediately.

"I am going to the prison today," he said. "This will probably mean that we will ask for a commission of alienists to observe Vanzetti's condition and report to the courts."

Prison authorities refused to discuss the case, while admitting that it had been found necessary to remove Vanzetti to the hospital for examination as to his mental condition. The opinion of the physician making the examination were not disclosed.

It was said that for some time the prisoner had been obsessed with the idea that he was being persecuted and followed about.

Vanzetti has been serving a sentence of 15 to 20 years imposed in August, 1920, for assault and battery. He was convicted of murder with Sacco in 1921 and has been a prisoner at Charlestown while defense counsel has been striving to obtain a new trial. Judge Webster Thayer in Norfolk county superior court some time ago dismissed motions for a new trial, and the case is now being taken to the Massachusetts supreme court on exceptions. Sacco, who was pronounced sane by alienists after he had attempted a hunger strike a year ago, is held in Deham jail.

NO FIRES HERE OVER CHRISTMAS

No fire of any kind occurred in the city yesterday in spite of the observance of Christmas. In fact, at noon today 18 hours had passed without a bell alarm in the mind of fire officials, to denote a fire. The city has been free of any kind of fire during the year, and the year, calm, quiet and good fortune continued to keep the day free of even an incipient blaze.

LABOR CLASH IN VERA CRUZ NEAR

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 26.—The labor situation in Vera Cruz is being closely watched here, and it was believed early today that only the issuance of orders from President Calles for the military presence in Vera Cruz, and the desire to work could prevent a clash between the labor body and members of the railwaymen's confederation.

GO TO ANSWER CHARGES. ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Dec. 26.—Mr. and Mrs. William D. Shephard, foster parents of William Nelson McClintock, the "millionaire orphan," into whose death an investigation now is being made in Chicago, left for Chicago last night in response to advice from their attorney that they had best be present during the investigation.

The local registry received this morning a bundle of new 1925 "dealer" number plates, for distribution to all in the city. The Lowell office usually has a good stock for these smaller plates, that are marked "5500" and upward.

The law requires each freight "dealer" attached to a motor truck on journeys over state highways, to have a registration number attached. The plate costs as much as a truck plate sometimes, and is just as necessary to have attached to the "dealer" as the truck that draws the two or four-wheeled goods carried in the rear.

Branch motor vehicle registration offices all over the state have received two-page circulars containing full-time photographs, calling motorists' attention to the new 1925 regulations. The circulars also contain a list of all the state's branch offices, and a list of all the state's branch offices, and a list of all the state's branch offices.

State Registrar Goodwin has announced that the computer started last summer to correct many abuses of the headlighting laws, will be continued with renewed vigor in 1925. He also states that anyone can focus his own lamps if he will call at any branch office of the motor vehicle registration department and secure copies of the two-page circular that is being distributed free.

OUR BOARDING HOUSE



CASES DISPOSED OF IN THE DISTRICT COURT

In consequence of a mix-up in Central street yesterday afternoon, Patrolman John J. Ghanne arrested Martin L. Harren for drunkenness, and assault and battery, and James J. Sheehan for drunkenness. Both were arraigned in district court this morning.

Harren being continued until next Friday in Sand, and the case against Sheehan being placed on file. William J. Conley, arrested last night by Patrolman Frank Brady for drunkenness, was given a suspended sentence to the Massachusetts reformatory. It was through the intervention of Conley's aunt that the suspension was allowed.

Edward R. O'Toole was found guilty of drunkenness and his case continued one week for sentence. Stephen L. Gardella, drunkenness and maliciously breaking glass, was continued one week. He fainted while testifying this morning and had to be carried from the courtroom.

Theresa Lomata, arrested last week on a charge of shoplifting was continued until next Friday. Raymond L. Merce, larceny, was taken to Chelms by Patrol Officer Fred Glinone.

NOT TO EVACUATE COLOGNE JAN. 10. PARIS, Dec. 26. (By the Associated Press.) The allied council of ambassadors at its meeting here tomorrow is expected to confirm the decision taken by the British and French governments not to evacuate the Cologne bridgehead Jan. 10.

The ambassadors in addition, it is forecast, will send a memorandum to Berlin explaining the decision. They are not expected to go much further with the matter, however, pending the receipt of the final report from the military control mission concerning the status of German disarmament, which may be forthcoming the latter part of January.

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EIGHT DEATHS DUE TO COLD OFFICER KILLED IN COLLISION

Eastern States Today Due For Their Turn at Fighting Off Wintery Blasts

Coldest Christmas in Years in Many Sections of the Middle and Far West

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—(By the Associated Press.) The eastern states today were due for their turn at fighting off the wintery blasts which brought the coldest Christmas in years in many sections of the middle and far west. A measure of relief from subzero temperatures was promised today in the lower lake region and the Ohio, Tennessee and Mississippi valleys, but cold weather, cloudiness and snow flurries were forecast to continue the next few days. As the cold wave spread eastward, lower temperatures were forecast for the Atlantic, the Appalachian region and the east gulf states. Unusual cold continued to grip the Pacific coast states today. The thermometer was forced below zero at points in California, Oregon, Washington and Nevada.

Eight Deaths Reported. The cold brought unusually lower temperatures even to southern California and orange groves were pointing their black hands toward the clouds, well near Los Angeles to prevent additional damage to the crop, frost-bitten yesterday with an estimated loss of ten per cent or \$100,000.

Eight deaths, four in Chicago, three in Ohio and one in Texas, were reported yesterday. Three of the Chicagoans were frozen, and the other, a policeman, was fatally injured in a fall on the ice. Two boys broke through ice and were drowned at Eugene, Ore.

Chicago's Christmas was the coldest in fifty-two years and in Indianapolis it upset records back to 1875. Nevada and Utah ran a close race for honors for the lowest mercury, 24 below zero, and Huntsville, near Ogden, Utah, 40 below.

FIDLER COMPANY HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY. The tenth annual Yuletide party of the officials and employees of the Fidler line, Boston Ladies' Outfitters was held on the second floor of the new building on Wednesday evening after closing hours when the employees gathered with invited guests gathered and made merry. The floor was cleared of all counters and racks and under the direction of Mr. Paul Blumberg, display manager, was transformed into a beautifully decorated ball room. A special light arrangement was provided here and there with sprays of holly and mistletoe and garlands of greenery intertwined with ribbon streamers, made a pretty picture as the members of the "family" interchanged the season's greetings as "merry" greetings. The first arrangements for the occasion gave prominence to musical selections during the reception and also furnished music for general dancing which brought the evening to a close.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fidler, and Mrs. Fidler, John Fidler, member of the firm, were the guests of the evening and were generously remembered by their employees. Mr. and Mrs. Fidler were presented a handsome "Dannus" floor lamp while "Goulden Cy" was presented a beautiful smoking jacket. The senior member of the firm congratulated the employees on the excellent spirit of co-operation shown during the year which made possible one of the most successful seasons of the organization. "Goulden Cy" also thanked the employees for their efforts during the year. The employees were in turn remembered in a generous way by the heads of the organization as well as by the department heads. Mr. Alfred Levy on behalf of the sales and office force presented the gifts to the guests while the numerous assistants remembered one another by interchanging various gifts. Department heads were generously remembered by their assistants and in turn presented their numerous co-workers beautiful gifts.

"Goulden Cy" entertained the large gathering with numerous stories and original "Goulden Cy" stunts which proved most enjoyable.

A buffet lunch was served in the course of the evening's enjoyment following which general dancing until a late hour was in order. The committee in charge of arrangements consisted of Messrs. William Hennessey, Wilfred Levy, Paul Blumberg, and the Misses Susan Delaney, Rose Barofsky and Olga Emberg.

ANOTHER DEATH IN TONG WAR. CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Moy Quong, wealthy laundry owner, shot in a quarrel with a Chinese long hand, died today at St. Luke's hospital. Moy was a member of the On Leung organization and the accused men, who were arrested, believed to be Hin Sings.

Commodore TOMORROW NIGHT "Mal" Hallett Admission 40c—DANCING FREE

YULETIDE PARTY Under the Auspices of League of Catholic Women Liberty Hall TONIGHT MINER-KOYLE'S ORCHESTRA Subscription 75 Cents

DANCE TOMORROW NIGHT BAY STATE DANCING SCHOOL Gents 50c, Ladies 40c—Checking Free

"DANSONIAS"—Dancing Party—TOMORROW NIGHT Floor Newly Refinished—A Perfect Dancing Surface COLONIAL HALL—"Best Downtown Hall"—LED DALY'S ORCHESTRA

Adjourned Sheriff's Sale Middlesex, ss. Lowell, December 26, 1924. The sale of the fixtures contained in the store of CHARLES E. INC. at 275 MERRIMACK STREET, seized and taken on an execution issued from the District Court of Lowell in the case of Leary Berdner & Small, Inc. vs. Charles E. Inc. and adjourned to SATURDAY, JANUARY 27TH, AT 10 O'CLOCK. The fixtures consist of a large oak counter with mirrored back and base of six drawers, one six-foot oak counter with three drawers, one twelve-foot oak counter with 12 drawers, and two large oak wall cases with white doors. The property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash.

Lowell J. LAROCHELLE, Deputy Sheriff.